



## AUSTRIAN RED WINES 2008 & 2009

INTERVIEW WITH BEST SOMMELIERS OF THE WORLD MARKUS DEL MONEGO AND ANDREAS LARSSON

**TASTED** - Which was your overall impression concerning the quality of the Austrian red wines in 2008 and 2009?

**Markus del Monego** - It was a tasting with quite good quality wines and with some surprises. For me, the quality difference between the vintages was less important than that between the grape varieties.

**Andreas Larsson** - In general Austria is a great wine country whose wines rarely ever disappoint, concerning the red wines a lot of progress has been made over the last 10-15 years

**TASTED** - Is there a big difference in style between these two vintages?

**MdM** - As I said, there is not really a difference between the two vintages.

**AL** - As there was quite a vast spectrum of wine styles between the Pinot Noir, St Laurent, Zweigelt, Blaufränkisch and the Cuvees, the differences between vintages were not as evident as I thought. In general, 2008 was a later and cooler vintage whose wines were fragrant, fine and less bold. 2009 gave wines that were sometimes more structured, sometimes more robust and tannic.

**TASTED** - Were there appellations which showed better results than others and did this vary between the two vintages?

**MdM** - In general the difference was with the grape varieties with surprisingly good Blauer Zweigelt. Both vintages showed the typical influence of their vintage character and climatic conditions.

**AL** - Not really any appellation as a whole, it was rather a question of individual producers and wine styles.

**TASTED** - What did you find striking in this tasting?

**MdM** - That some of the wine styles underperformed. Especially the blends which I would have expected to score higher than the varietal wines.

**AL** - That Austria is a country to take seriously for its red wines and that they are capable of producing in very diverse styles; from the elegant St Laurent and Pinot, to the full bodied and concentrated Blaufränkisch and the complex Cuvees.

**TASTED** - How did you judge the quality of the various varieties and blends?

**MdM** - The blends were good, but they were not on the top level where I have expected them to be. The varietal wines were somewhat of a surprise: Good for Zweigelt, but rather disappointing for Pinot Noir.

**AL** - Pinot Noir was not as good as I expected; Zweigelt was better than I expected; the Cuvees and Blaufränkisch were as good as I expected, although they showed a vast variety of styles. I must say that most wines show a very distinct Austrian character, which today is positive and encouraging, in a world where one finds so many clean, fruity and boring wines which could have been made anywhere.

**TASTED** - Was there a variety you particularly like?

**MdM** - To my big surprise Zweigelt performed rather well.

**AL** - I agree entirely with Markus that Zweigelt was the positive surprise.

**TASTED** - What are your food recommendations with the different Austrian red varieties and blends, particularly in regards to a Holiday season menu?

**MdM** - There is not enough space here to describe the perfect matches as there are so many different wines and styles. But in general, the wines will match very well with the classic Christmas dishes like goose, the typical German Christmas dish.

**AL** - Well, I suppose St Laurent and Pinot will be a good option for those enjoying turkey. However, with my Swedish Christmas ham, I could happily indulge in some well made Zweigelt; for richer stews and hearty dishes, I would opt for more structure and spiciness expressions from the Cuvees and Blaufränkisch.

**TASTED** - Can Austrian red wines be enjoyed as aperitif, and if so, which would be your recommendations?

**MdM** - I would not choose them as an aperitif, as the young examples show a rather tannic side, which is more saturating than appetizing.

**AL** - I would not like to suggest these wines for aperitif, although I never have a problem enjoying a great wine on its own! ■

# ZWEIGELT 2009

## B U R G E N L A N D

### 93 | WEINGUT K+K KIRNBAUER “GIRMER”

**AL** - Fairly dark colour, very intense nose, ambitious with roasted notes, new oak, spices, ripe dark fruit and a hint of complexity, the palate is modern and packed with fruit, yet it is finely balanced in this rich style, warm and opulent underlined by some roasted notes, good length and finely calibrated tannins, rich long finish, fine potential. **94**  
**MdM** - Deep purple red with almost black centre. Opulent flavour with intense smoky character, deep fruit, modern style, good length and well balanced. **92**

### 91 | WEINGUT HUNSDORFER “ZWEIGELT RESERVE”

**AL** - Fairly roasted nose with hints of new oak, vanilla, spices and dark berries, a rather full wine, still with a good presence of oak on the palate, nice fruit in the background, but should be allowed some time to soften. **88**

**MdM** - Very dark purple red with almost black centre. Intense and multilayered with aromas reminiscent of roasted chestnuts, dried figs, fresh prunes and dark cherries. Vanilla and cloves in the background. On the palate opulent with good structure, good length and fine fruit, combining power and elegance. **94**

### 91 | WEINGUT LANDAUER “ZWEIGELT SCHAFFGRUBE”

**AL** - This quite assertive and concentrated effort shows plenty of ripe fruit on the nose, the palate depicts a high level of density with a firm tannic backbone and dark spicy fruit, good length, should become very good, still slightly youthful and not completely knit, but 1-2 more years in the cellar should do well. **92**

**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Tightly structured with clear fruit expression and slightly vegetal components. On the palate spicy and mineral, well structured with good length however drying out in the finish. **90**

### 90,5 | WEINGUT ANDREAS & CHRISTINE WENDELIN “SELEKTION EDELGRUND”

**AL** - A fairly complex nose with generous spiciness and layers of dark fruit, nicely structured palate, still a touch on the youthful side, but with nice dark fruit, a hint of vanilla and spices, long and generous finish with smooth tannins, finely balanced. **89**

**MdM** - Deep purple red with almost black centre. Charming flavour reminiscent of dark chocolate, vanilla, black cherries and figs, well used French oak and well structured. On the palate persistent and elegant with mild spices, slightly roasted flavour and vibrant length. **92**

### 90,5 | WEINGUT UMATHUM “RIED HALLEBÜHL”

**AL** - Rather elegant aromas with an emphasis on fruit, dark berries, plum and gentle spiciness, the palate is still rather youthful and not yet completely knit, but the wine is displaying a fine level of purity and freshness, soft and gently spicy finish. **89**

**MdM** - Dark, almost black purple red. Intense aroma reminiscent of blueberries and blackberries, mild spices, on the palate elegant, good length and fine fruit. **92**

### 89,5 | WEINGUT JBN “ROSOLO BABBINO CARO”

**AL** - This wine belongs in another category as it is a sweet dessert type wine - notes of dried fruit, prune and dark cherry, rich and warm taste with layers of dried fruit and spices, good length, warming finish. **89**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated, Port like character with hints of oxidation, dried fruit and mild spices. Powerful, opulent and sweet on the palate sweet dessert-wine style. **90**

### 89,5 | WEINGUT MAD - HAUS MARIENBERG “TEMPELHÜTER”

**AL** - Intense colour, blackberry and spices on the nose, rather full but with a soft texture, good freshness and vivid spicy fruit on the palate, dense and intense flavour without heaviness, good length as well. **90**  
**MdM** - Intense purple red with violet hue. Quite opulent character, elderberries, mild spices, earthy. On the palate well structured, elderberries and blackberries, mild spices. Well balanced with good length. **89**

### 89 | WEINGUT TESCH “HOCHBERG”

**AL** - A generous wine with plenty of spiciness and fresh berry notes, aromatically young and intense with spicy fruit, the palate is vivid and rather youthful with intense freshness and notes of freshly crushed berries, pleasant with plenty of character. **87**  
**MdM** - Deep purple red with black centre. Opulent aromas reminiscent of ripe red berries, vanilla and cardamom. On the palate good length and complex finish. Smooth tannins. **91**

### 88 | WEINGUT ZANTHO

**AL** - A clean and fruity wine with a discreet nose of wild berries, softly structured with mellow tannin and a sweet finish, nicely drinkable in an elegant style. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Fine flavour with a touch of minerality, dark berry fruit, mild spices, vanilla in the background. On the palate elegant, fine acidity, good aromatic length with pleasant fruit. **90**

### 87,5 | WEINGUT WINZER-KELLER NECKENMARKT “CLASSIC”

**AL** - Wild berries and fine spices on the nose, the palate is medium bodied with good flavour intensity, dense fruit, sweet berries and freshly ground black pepper, high freshness on the finish, and a slight tannic feel in the end. **85**  
**MdM** - Intense purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with elegant fruit, dark berries, blueberries and cherries, a touch of mild spices and a slightly vegetal component add to complexity. On the palate clean and well balanced with good length. **90**

### 87 | WEINGUT RENNER “GOLSER ALTENBERG”

**AL** - A spicy nose introduces some vanilla, dry spices and pepper, nice fruit with notes of freshly crushed berries, the palate is still slightly youthful with pure fruit and a generous spiciness, fine length with sweet fruit notes, yet a touch unresolved, but should open up nicely within the coming year. **88**

**MdM** - Intense purple red with black centre. Opulent nose with ripe character, influence of Brettanomyces, medium length on the palate. **86**

### 86,5 | WEINGUT SCHÖNBERGER

**AL** - Medium purple colour, the nose is medium intense and spicy, black peppery notes and a mix of red and black fruits, nice bite on the palate, still youthful with vivid freshness and red fruity notes, balanced with a soft tannic structure and pleasant finish. **87**  
**MdM** - Purple red with violet hue. Clean and well made nose with pleasant dark berry fruit, on the palate medium length. **86**

## NEUSIEDLERSEE

### 91,5 | WEINGUT HANS U. CHRISTINE NITTAUS “LUCKENWALD”

**AL** - Perfumed with hints of violet, dark berries, spice and well concealed oak, the palate shows a fine combination of freshness and ripe fruit, still with youthful tannin, but nicely balanced and rather long. **91**

**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense smoky aroma, touch of vanilla and cloves, ripe blackberries and cherries. On the palate smooth with good length, well integrated tannins and discreet acidity. **92**

### 91,5 | WEINGUT KOPITSCH-KAST “RESERVE”

**AL** - Nice and intense nose that offers gently spicy notes, roasted coffee, a whiff of oak spices and sweet fruit, good concentration and layers of fruit, already with a hint of complexity, well integrated tannin, fine drinkability and a serious finish, very good. **93**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Candied berries, cloves, vanilla and a touch of cinnamon, sweat oak. On the palate well balanced with medium density and quite good length. A touch of sweetness in the finish makes a pleasant, uncomplicated glass of wine. **90**

### 91 | WEINGUT FÜRST LIECHTENSTEIN “CLOS DOMAINE”

**AL** - Meaty, spicy and dark fruity nose with hints of blackberry, black pepper and violet, the palate is full and concentrated with good balance between dark berries, well built tannins and a lingering, dense aftertaste, very fine spiciness and clean fruit, good. **92**  
**MdM** - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of fresh ground pepper and elderberries. On the palate well balanced with mild spiciness and a touch of minerality. Tannins well integrated. **90**

### 85,5 | WEINGUT MÜNZENRIEDER “CLASSIC QUALITÄTSWEIN”

**AL** - Fruit and generous nose, rather red fruity notes with hints of cherry, the palate is generous with sour cherry, soft texture and gentle spiciness, already approachable. **85**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red. Clean nose with dark berry fruit, slightly reductive, on the palate more convincing than on the nose. **86**

### 88 | WEINGUT KARL BRINDLMAYER “RESERVE”

**AL** - Intense nose, floral and slightly volatile with hints of red berries, ginger and cloves, the palate is soft and nicely rounded, aromatically it still feels quite young, but overall it is fine and balanced. **87**  
**MdM** - Initially quite reductive, this wine opens up with aeration in contact with oxygen. Clean fruit with aromas reminiscent of red cherries, cranberries and blackberries. On the palate well structured with peppery spices and mild fruit. Well structured, medium length. **89**

### 87 | WEINGUT MÜNZENRIEDER “ILLMITZERWEG”

**AL** - Ripe cherry, some floral notes and fine spices, fairly elegant on the palate with mellow tannin, generous fruit and a spicy finish, well balanced and enjoyable. **89**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red. Slightly vegetal character, fruit quite hidden, shows a crisp style on the palate. **85**

### 86,5 | WEINGUT HANS U. CHRISTINE NITTAUS “UNGERBERG PLUS”

**AL** - Slightly smoky nose, a touch earthy with dark fruit, the palate is slightly on the rustic side, spices, oak and dark fruit, should be allowed some more time to soften. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with minerality and smoky components, earthy and almost rustic character. On the palate well balanced, however not very complex. **87**

### 86 | WEINGUT ANITA & RICHARD GOLDENITS “3 EICHEN”

**AL** - Intense and sweet nose of freshly crushed berries and some roasted notes, good freshness on the palate, red cherry, ginger and spice, medium to full with balanced tannin and a fair length. **88**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red. Vegetal aroma, blueberries and slightly sweaty. On the palate medium density and length. **84**

### 85,5 | WEINGUT SONNENMULDE “CAPELLA”

**AL** - Dark spicy fruit and a well balanced, quite full palate that combines fresh berries, dry spices and a fairly soft aftertaste, good persistence and drinkability. **87**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red. Clean nose with dark berry fruit and slightly dusty character. On the palate medium density and length. **84**

### 84 | WEINGUT PMC MÜNZENRIEDER “VOM TIGLAT”

**AL** - Quite spicy and «wild» nose with dark fruit and some meaty notes, the palate is full bodied with some rustic notes, charming and full of character, still a hint on the young side with tannin present on the finish. **85**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with slightly roasted flavour, cold smoke, dark blackberry and blueberries. On the palate medium density and length, slightly bitter tannins in the finish. **83**

## NIEDERÖSTERREICH

### 91 | WEINGUT MARTIN & ANNA ARNDORFER “ZWEIGELT DIE LEIDENSCHAFT”

**AL** - An ambitious nose with notes of roasted oak, dark fruit and freshly ground spices, the palate is rich and intense, but more restrained than the nose, less oak, plenty of fruit and integrated tannin, long and juicy finish, good potential. **90**

**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with intense spiciness, black pepper, cardamom and cloves. Ripe dark fruit, black cherries and mulberries. On the palate juicy and well balanced with well integrated tannins and good length. **92**

### 90,5 | WEINGUT MÜLLER “RESERVE”

**AL** - Spicy and intense nose, at present rather marked by oak with notes of vanilla and roasted coffee, nice fruit on the palate, the oak is less present, spicy notes and a rather persistent aftertaste. **89**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with intense, ripe fruit, blackberries and mulberries, sweet plums and mild spices. Vanilla, roasted flavour and a touch of chocolate. On the palate well balanced with good length. **92**

### 90 | WEINGUT BANNERT “HANGENSTEIN”

**AL** - Dark fruity and floral nose with notes of blackberry, violet and fine spices, the palate shows nice drinkability as the wine is full, but with a soft texture, no hard edges and layers of sweet dark fruit, good length and a hint of complexity on the finish. **90**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with quite closed structure, needs a lot of oxygen to open up. Remains in a slightly austere style. **90**

### 88,5 | WEINGUT FÜRST LIECHTENSTEIN “PROFUNDO SELEKTION KARLSBERG BARRIQUE”

**AL** - Fresh berries and spices, nice and upfront palate with red and dark fruit and pepper, slightly austere at present, but overall balanced and pleasant. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. On the palate clean, opulent, spicy with ripe fruit, mulberries and blackberries. On the palate clean and well made with good length and juicy character. **91**

### 88,5 | WEINGUT JOHANN TOPF “SACHSENBERG” (BARREL SAMPLE)

**AL** - Nice and spicy nose, red cherry fruit, medium bodied and fresh with good length and drinkability. **88**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well structured with juicy fruit and mild spices, in the background a hint of black pepper. On the palate clean and well balanced with juicy fruit and good length. **89**

### 87 | WEINGUT DOLLE

**AL** - Quite spicy and red fruited nose, the palate is medium full and shows sour cherry, spice and a rather intense level of freshness, pleasant and drinkable with moderate length. **85**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red. Slightly jammy nose with ripe fruit. On the palate well structured with a touch of sweetness and quite good length. **89**

### 86,5 | WEINGUT CHRISTOPH BAUER

**AL** - Fresh red berries and some green notes, the palate is quite restrained with a firm structure, fresh red fruit and a tight finish. **83**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of parsley and dark berries. On the palate aromatic with good length. **90**

### 85,5 | WEINGUT AUTRIETH “CLASSIC”

**AL** - Generous and fruity, no hints of oak, rather more emphasis on fresh berry fruit, clean and balanced with soft texture and generous finish. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with rather simple structure, on the palate medium length. **85**

### 83 | WEINGUT HARALD FRANK “WACHTBERG”

**AL** - Spicy and red fruity with hints of cherry and a medium bodied structure, quite restrained with red cherry and high acidity, refreshing but not complex. **82**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Initially slightly pyrotechnical and smoky, the nose opens up towards dark berry fruit. On the palate simple and rustic. **84**

# BLAUFRÄNKISCH 2009

## BURGENLAND

### 91,5 | WEINGUT HERIBERT BAYER “IN SIGNO LEONIS” – “IN SIGNO SAGITTARII HOCHBERG”

AL - The nose is intense and roasted with hints of coffee, tobacco, dark cherry and fine spices, full and dense palate, layers of dark fruit and a hint of complexity, well integrated oak, balanced tannin and a long, fresh finish. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Opulent and ripe character with aromas reminiscent of fine leather and Cuban tobacco, dark berries and cherries. Roasted aromas. On the palate opulent and juicy with well balanced tannins and acidity. Good length with quite a complex approach. 93

### 91 | WEINGUT ANDREAS U. CHRISTINE WENDELIN “KLASSIK / BREITENACKER”

AL - Young nose with roasted notes of coffee beans and spices, the palate is rather full with dark fruited notes of dark plum and cherry, well integrated tannins and long persistence, good, should get more complexity from another few years in the cellar, however it is almost approachable right now. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very reductive character, slightly sulphurous, but also coffee and ripe fruit. On the palate clean with juicy fruit and fine roasted flavours. Performing better on the palate than on the nose. The wine shows a certain potential for evolution. 91

### 91 | WEINGUT TRIEBAUMER GÜNTER U. REGINA

AL - Rather elegant on the nose, wild berries and some earthy mineral notes, the palate is full and flavour intense yet with delicate extraction, soft and juicy with notes of freshly crushed berries, a gentle spiciness and long aftertaste, nice and elegant. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Quite discreet nose with elegant fruit and mild spices. Still seems very closed. On the palate clean and well shaped with fresh character, however lacks some density in the finish. 91

### 90,5 | WEINGUT HÖPLER

AL - Really nice nose, darkly fruited with notes of cassis, dark cherry, some roasted notes and gentle oak, the palate is rich and full, yet with good balance and fine freshness, long and lingering finish with layers of dark fruit, really nice and potent, will develop from some further cellaring. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. In the nose quite complex with aromas reminiscent of coffee beans, plums and cherries as well as mild spices and a touch of peppers. On the palate clean and well balanced with final structured, medium length. 90

### 90,5 | WEINGUT MAD - HAUS MARIENBERG “MARIENTHAL”

AL - A modern styled wine with a rich nose displaying new oak, spices, coffee, leather and dark fruit, the palate is dense and tight with dark fruity notes, blackberry and spice, yet not over extracted, good length, still young and as yet unresolved, should get another year in the cellar or a thorough aeration before serving. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Quite smoky nose with aromas reminiscent of toast, chocolate, fresh ground coffee, cherries and plums. On the palate well structured, good length, slightly smoky with juicy fruit. Extraction quite positive. 91

### 90 | WEINGUT TRIEBAUMER GÜNTER U. REGINA “PLACHEN”

AL - Aromatic and dark fruited nose with roasted coffee and oak, full and dense with dark fruit notes of cherry, blackberry and finely integrated wood, rather rounded tannin and a long finish. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with smoky character, mocha, vanilla and plenty of ripe fruit. On the palate well structured with good body and length. Tannins are ripe and well integrated. 90

### 90 | WEINGUT TRIEBAUMER GÜNTER U. REGINA “RESERVE”

AL - Very generous nose with hints of new oak, blackberry and pepper, the palate is young and dense with dark fruitiness, spicy notes and fairly long persistence. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with generous oak, vanilla, caramel, toast and coffee. On the palate juicy and balmy with opulent character, well balanced tannins, dried fruit character in the finish. Very modern, oak driven style. 91

### 90 | WEINGUT J. HEINRICH “VITIKULT”

AL - Lightly smoky and meaty nose with dark cherry and blackberry, full and dense palate, yet with balanced tannin, serious structure and length, nice and promising. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Initially slightly reductive, but opening up very well, displaying a positive oak influence and well built fruit. On the palate well made and balanced with good length. 90

### 82 | WEINGUT HIRTL

AL - A rustic example, good fruit, but slightly rough with spices and some dusty aromas, average finish. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with dusty character, quite rustic style. 82

### 80,5 | WINZER KREMS “EDITION CHREMISA”

AL - A fairly light example with red fruit, high acidity and some vegetal notes, correct but not exciting. 81

MdM - Garnet red with violet hue. Nose clean, but monodimensional. On the palate clean with a touch of mild spices and pepper. 80

### 79,5 | WEINGUT JURTSCHITSCH “TANZER RESERVE”

AL - Quite light and simple with a very sweet palate, lacks balance. 79

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Aromas reminiscent of oak and rubber, pepper and dark fruit. On the palate clean with a touch of sweetness. 80

### 79 | WEINGUT SCHLAMBERGER “BARRIQUE QW”

AL - Some green notes, red fruited and rather light, high acidity, lacks the substance of the better examples. 80

MdM - Strange character with vegetal components and a touch of oxidation. On the palate better than on the nose, however quite rustic. 78

### 76,5 | WEINGUT GOBELSBURG “HAIDE”

AL - Aromatically a touch volatile, fairly light and simple palate. 77

MdM - Very reductive character and touch of volatility. Simple wine. 76

## WAGRAM

### 92 | WEINGUT LETH “GIGAMA”

AL - Young and quite massive right now, ambitious with luxurious oak, roasted notes, coffee, spices and dark berries, dense and full with good backbone and length, still young and unresolved, but clearly with potential for development. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with balmy character, intense oak influence, ripe fruit. On the palate opulent and balmy. Very modern style, however well made. 93

### 89,5 | WEINGUT URBANIHOF FAMILIE PASCHINGER “RIEDE DIEBSTEIN”

AL - Dark fruited and spicy with roasted oak and coffee notes, good density on the palate, youthful and vivid with hints of freshly crushed berries, spice and vanilla, good length and character. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Well structured nose with oak influence, roasted flavours, toast, slightly meaty. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium density, almost balmy character and good length. 90

### 87 | WEINGUT KOLKMANN “DIEBSTEIN PERFEKTION”

AL - Sweet fruity nose, plenty of red berries, soft and pleasant structure with low tannin, good fruit and a supple finish, fine drinkability and decent length. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with quite jammy fruit, blackcurrant and blackberries. On the palate clean, sweet fruit, medium density and length. 86

### 86,5 | WEINGUT GROISS “CLASSIC”

AL - Aromatically quite restrained, but very generous palate that offers, sweet red fruit with a hint of confiture, fine spices and a long finish, an elegantly styled wine with fine drinkability. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean, but very discreet nose. On the palate clean, but lacks complexity. 85

## CARNUNTUM

### 90,5 | WEINGUT FRANZ UND CHRISTINE NETZL “HAIDACKER”

AL - The nose displays a good deal of ripe blackberries, vanilla and cloves, the palate offers a dense structure with dark fruit and nicely powdery tannins, good concentration without heaviness, fine length and potential, should preferably be allowed one more year of aging. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of elderberries and mild spices, a touch of smoke, vanilla and toast, graphite. On the palate smooth, but elegant and well structured. 91

### 87 | WEINGUT FAMILIE PITNAUER “BIENENFRESSER”

AL - Charming and fruity with gentle spiciness, softly textured with generous fruit and a good drinkability. 86

MdM - Intense purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with fresh fruit, pleasant, easy-drinking with pleasant finish. A fun wine with refreshing character. 88

## THERMENREGION

### 88 | WEINGUT LANDAUER-GISPERG “ZWEIFELT BEST OF 2009”

AL - Rather oaky and heavily roasted nose, coffee, vanilla, the palate is less marked by oak, good fruit with some spice and high acidity, still quite young and restrained, but should soften from another year of aging. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with well structured character, fine spices reminiscent of oak, balmy aromas, ripe dark fruit. On the palate spicy and balmy with good length. 90

### 87,5 | WEINGUT AUMANN RESERVE

AL - Juicy fruit and gentle spiciness, nice and soft texture with medium length, attractive and very drinkable. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Well balanced, almost balmy nose with mild spices, chocolate, vanilla and a touch of blackberries. On the palate attractive character with medium length. 88

### 85 | WEINGUT BIEGLER

AL - Red fruity and spicy with medium body, rather high acidity and soft structure, pleasant and refreshing to drink young. 84

MdM - Dark purple red. Clean nose, however slightly simple. 86

### 84 | WEINGUT FISCHER “GRADENTHAL PREMIUM”

AL - Red fruit and spices with a medium body, high acidity structure, sour cherry and soft tannin, refreshing and fruity for early drinking. 84

MdM - Dark purple red. Nose with aromas reminiscent of blueberries and mild spices, slightly vegetal components. On the palate clean, but quite simple. 84

## STEIERMARK (STYRIA)

## SÜDOSTSTEIERMARK

### 88 | WEINGUT WINKLER-HERMADEN “OLIVIN”

AL - This is quite marked by oak and has an intense colour, however the palate is more austere with high acidity and dry tannin, ambitious and highly extracted, but not really in balance today, might soften somewhat from further aging. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent aroma reminiscent of coffee and vanilla, blackberries and black cherries, mild spices and a touch of pepper. On the palate well structured with tight tannins, a touch of fruit and good length. However slightly dry in the finish. 91

## WIEN (VIENNA)

## BISAMBERG

### 86,5 | WEINGUT CHRIST WIEN

AL - Rather floral and spicy nose, the palate is youthful with a good bite, attractive red cherry fruit and vivid freshness, fair length and a refreshing finish. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Pepper and mild spices, blackberries and elderberries, slightly floral overtones. On the palate clean and quite juicy with medium length. 87

### 90 | WEINGUT RENNER “GOLSER ALTENBERG”

AL - Fairly intense nose, spicy with some gamey notes, pepper and dark fruit, the palate is dense and full with sweet dark berry flavours, spices and a nice tannic backbone, warm and generous with a long finish, good concentration supported by vivid freshness. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very well balanced wine with elegant flavour, a touch of gamey aromas backed by ripe dark berry fruit and almost tobacco like spices. On the palate elegant with ripe tannins and good length. 90

### 90 | WEINGUT ERNST TRIEBAUMER

#### “RIED OBERER WALD”

AL - More spicy and meaty nose with dark cherry and some gamey notes, the palate is on the fuller side, packed with dark fruit, soft tannin and vivid freshness, clean fruit and a spicy finish, still somewhat youthful and close knit, but should develop well, needs 1-2 more years in the cellar. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Well balanced yet concentrated nose, which does not lack elegance. Blackberries and elderberries, mild spices and a touch of oak. 90

### 89,5 | WEINGUT FERDINAND MAYR “NA ALSDANN”

AL - Nice and fairly elegant nose, wild berries, freshly ground pepper, very vivid palate, pleasant fruit, still youthful with good bite, high acidity and balanced tannin, nice and well made. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with attractive fruit, blackberries and elderberries, a touch of mild spices and slightly peppery overtones. On the palate clean and crisp with fresh character, well integrated tannins, convincing length. 90

### 89,5 | WEINGUT WELLANSCHITZ “ALTES WEINGEBIRGE”

AL - Fairly elegant nose, sweet and perfumed with a mixture of red and dark berries, the palate is medium full, but flavour intense with nice spicy fruit and fine tannins that add to the structure, well balanced and long, nicely drinkable wine. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very discreet nose, closed aromas, opening up towards a hint of stewed blackcurrant and fresh blackberries. On the palate well balanced with nice fruit and elegant finish. 89

### 89 | WEINGUT HARALD SCHINDLER “CLASSIC”

AL - Sweet and perfumed nose with hints of flower, dark berries and tobacco, the palate is soft with juicy fruit and intense acidity, well balanced albeit rather young, good length and drinkability. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with fresh fruit, blackcurrant and mulberries. On the palate clean and well balanced, but with a slightly vegetal touch in the finish. 90

### **89 | WEINGUT ILLA SZEMES “IMPERIAL”**

**AL** - Young and intense nose with hints of patisserie (freshly baked pastry), fruit confiture (jam), new oak, quite full on the palate, tight and restrained with high tannin/acidity presence, yet still balanced with elegant sweet fruit. Nevertheless, it needs another 1-2 years to soften. **88**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with intense fresh fruit aroma and a touch of blackcurrant-leaf. Smoky, almost peaty in the background. Sweet oak, also on the palate, firm, well integrated tannins and good length. Shows potential. **90**

### **89 | WEINGUT TRIEBAUMER GÜNTER & REGINA “OBERER WALD”**

**AL** - Rich nose of dark cherry, tobacco and some roasted oak, the palate is concentrated, young and dense, well balanced with good length and generous fruit, just a touch too young today. **88**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with black centre. Clean nose with aromas of mulberries and elderberries, well integrated oak. On the palate clean and well balanced with good length and structure. Modern style. **90**

### **88,5 | WEINGUT ESTERHÁZY “FÖLLIG”**

**AL** - Rich and assertive nose, modern style with roasted oak, dark fruit, spices and a concentrated palate, fresh dark berries, vanilla and spice on the finish, quite tight on the finish, youthful and unresolved at the moment, but should soften from another year in the cellar. **88**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose, however quite closed, well structured. On the palate dense and well built with firm tannins and good length. Needs time. **89**

### **88,5 | WEINGUT FEILER-ARTINGER “UMRISS”**

**AL** - Dark fruited, spiced and roasted nose with hints of dark berries, coffee and leather, the palate is rather full with juicy dark fruit, some herbal notes and a generous finish, will benefit from further aging, but is already approachable. **89**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Pyrotechnical aromas, as well as a slightly gamey character, fruit quite hidden. On the palate medium density and length. A touch of green components in the finish, however juicy fruit flavours too. **88**

### **88,5 | WENGUT WOHLMUTH “RABENKROPP”**

**AL** - Young and assertive nose with roasted oak and dark fruit, quite full palate, rather extracted with tannic presence, fairly long, just a touch youthful and still closely knit, should benefit from some more time to soften. **87**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose which opens up slowly. Aromas of chocolate and cherries, vanilla and a touch of toast. On the palate medium density, slightly balmy spices, juicy fruit and well integrated tannins. **90**

### **85,5 | WEINGUT VEREINTE WINZER “AKIRA T.FX.T”**

**AL** - A more elegant style with red fruity notes and fine spices, slightly lighter on the palate with sweet red fruit and intense freshness, but refreshing and drinkable. **85**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. In the nose well expressed fruit, ripe plums and blackberries. Discreet spiciness in the background. On the palate clean, medium density and length, crisp acidity, discreet fruit. **86**

### **87,5 | WEINGUT TESCH “SELECTION”**

**AL** - New oak, dark fruit and violets on the nose, quite full on the palate with juicy dark fruit and a good level of freshness, still with some present oak and a decent aftertaste, overall well balanced. **87**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Quite closed character on the nose, but opens up well with some oxygen. Well balanced on the palate with juicy character and mild spices in the finish. **88**

### **87 | WEINGUT TINHOF “GLORIETTE”**

**AL** - Quite floral on the nose with hints of red and dark berries, the palate offers sweet fruit and a relatively full structure, it has somewhat present wood and marked tannin, nice fruit, but rather too young and restrained at this stage, 1-2 more years needed to round off the edges. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. On the nose starting with a woody flavour, in the background ripe fruit, especially blackcurrant. On the palate clean with intense blackcurrant aromas. Acidity remains crisp, tannins well integrated. **88**

### **87 | WEINGUT WENZEL “OBERER WALD”**

**AL** - All in all a sweet nose with hints of roasted coffee and dark fruit, the palate is still youthful and quite tightly knit with present tannin and high acidity, nice dark fruit and a fairly long finish, needs some more time to soften. **87**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with balmy character, aromas reminiscent of chocolate and spices, slightly over-ripe fruit and dried plums. On the palate clean and well balanced with a touch of vegetal components in the finish, slightly tannic and lean. **87**

### **86,5 | WEINGUT WENINGER “HOCHÄCKER”**

**AL** - Discreet nose, the palate offers more fruit, red and dark wild berries, spicy notes and a medium body, clean, fresh finish. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark purple with violet hue. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of minerals and iodine, ripe elderberries and mulberries. On the palate clean and well balanced with elegant acidity, medium density and good length. **87**

### **85 | WEINGUT WINZERKELLER NECKENMARKT “HIMMELSTHRON”**

**AL** - Redolent of red fruits, some floral notes and fine spices, medium bodied with young and dense fruit, freshly crushed berries and fair length, well balanced. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose, however slightly vegetal flavours. Hidden fruit in the background. On the palate clean, yet slightly harsh tannins. **84**

### **84,5 | WEINGUT BAUER-PÖLTL “ALTES WEINGEBIRGE”**

**AL** - Young and fruitful nose, fresh berries, blackcurrants and some floral notes, the palate is medium bodied with young fruit and a rather intense acidity and medium length. **84**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. In the nose aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant and dark berries, candy and vanilla. On the palate crisp acidity, medium body, medium length. **85**

### **84 | WEINGUT OGGAU FAM. TSCHEPPE-ESELBÖCK “JOSCHUARI”**

**AL** - Red fruited with some gamey notes and hints of balsamic vinegar, medium bodied with intense freshness and slightly rustic finish. **83**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Charming nose with opulent character, but a discreet farmyard like character. Slightly volatile. On the palate good mouthfeel, a touch rustic. **85**

### **83 | WEINGUT OGGAU FAM. TSCHEPPE-ESELBÖCK “BERTHOLDI”**

**AL** - A lighter example with red fruit aromas and flavours, high acidity and soft texture, refreshing, but not complex. **82**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Fresh fruit yet lean style. **84**

### **82,5 | WEINGUT LANDAUER “BLAUFRÄNKISCH KRÄFTN”**

**AL** - A fairly light example with red fruit, sweet spices and young tannin, less oak on the palate than the nose, fine freshness yet a touch dry on the finish. **84**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with almost black centre. The nose shows signs of extraction and oxidation, difficult character. On the palate slightly harsh, too much extraction, drying out in the finish. **81**

### **80 | WEINGUT TINHOF “FELDMÜHLE”**

**AL** - Rather sweet rubbery fruit, the palate is relatively hollow with high acidity and light fruit, quite short, simple. **80**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with rather discreet character. On the palate clean with medium density and length. **80**

### **77,5 | WEINGUT JBN “ROSALITO”**

**AL** - Volatile and slightly oxidised, very sweet with dried and oxidised fruit. **77**  
**MdM** - Dark colour, oxidation notes in the nose, farmyard character, intense sweetness on the palate. Not really clean. **78**

### **NEUSIEDLERSEE**

### **93 | WEINGUT WURZINGER “BLAUFRÄNKISCH M+”**

**AL** - Attractive and intense nose, spicy with floral notes, violets and dark berries, very fine palate, concentrated with finely integrated tannins, luscious dark purple fruit with notes of blackberry, cherry and a light smokiness, finely balanced with a very long finish, good complexity and potential, really nice. **94**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well concentrated aroma reminiscent of blackberries and elderberries, mild spices, a touch of cold smoke. On the palate spicy and aromatic with almost juicy fruit and good length. **92**

### **87,5 | WEINGUT LEITNER “UNGERBERG”**

**AL** - Very generous nose that offers dark berries, spices and some new oak, youthful and structured with a firm tannic backbone and a hint of oak on the finish. **87**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Balmy character on the nose with vanilla overtones, slightly peppery aromas, ripe dark stone fruit. On the palate firm tannins, however partially balanced by fruit. **88**

### **87 | WEINGUT GERNOT & HEIKE HEINRICH “ALTER BERG”**

**AL** - Pure nose with an emphasis on fruit, sloe berry, aniseed and a medium bodied, well rounded and generous palate with rounded finish and juicy fruit, good drinkability. **87**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Aromatic nose with toasted oak and a touch of minerality. In the background ripe, but rather discreet fruit. On the palate clean, well balanced with medium body and medium length. **87**

### **86,5 | WEINGUT KOPPITSCH-KAST “ERLENWALD”**

**AL** - Lightly smoky and meaty on the nose, some oak, vanilla and fresh berries, the palate is medium full, still marked by oak that adds some roasted/burnt notes, medium length, still somewhat too young and marked by oak. **84**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Toasted oak and vanilla, red berries, juicy fruit in the background. On the palate pleasant fruit, red berries and dark cherries, a touch of oak and well integrated tannins. **89**

### **86 | WEINGUT ANITA & HANS NITTNAUS “KALK & SCHIEFER”**

**AL** - Rich, floral and fruity nose, clean and well fruited palate, no hints of oak and a vibrant freshness, fine length, juicy with good drinkability. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nice floral character with a touch of dark berry fruit, however lacks some complexity. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium length. **86**

### **80,5 | WEINGUT MÜNZENRIEDER**

**AL** - Slightly gamey and spicy nose, quite developed with dried fruit character, some vegetal notes, the finish is a touch on the lean. **81**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Very farmyard flavour profile, hay and dried herbs, lacks fruit. On the palate medium acidity and harsh tannins. Lacks length. **80**

### **NEUSIEDLERSEE-HÜGELLAND**

### **89,5 | WEINGUT KOLLWENTZ “LEITHAGEBIRGE”**

**AL** - The nose is rather dominated by oak at present, beneath it there is a plethora of ripe dark berries, good density on the palate, rich and full, a touch monolithic at present, but balanced and long, a wine that should develop well, drink from 2013. **91**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Oak spices on the nose, backed by almost jammy fruit. The palate appear to a certain extent juicy, however with slightly dry tannins in the finish. **88**

### **88 | WEINGUT FAM. PRIELER “GOLDBERG”**

**AL** - Smoky and meaty nose, darkly fruited and quite dense palate, somewhat extracted and dry with good length, but it should hopefully mellow from some further ageing, good length, give it 2 more years. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Slightly fruity and nicely balanced toast aromas. On the palate well balanced, however drying out in the finish. **88**

### **87 | WEINGUT**

#### **WINZER DOMAINE PÖTTELSDORF “BARONESSE”**

**AL** - Quite floral and herbal nose, hints of violets, chamomile and red berries, nice and spicy palate, medium bodied with peppery fruit and a balanced finish, attractive. **89**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Rather greenish aromas mixed with some fruity notes. Nonetheless, seems to lack ripeness. On the palate spicy, medium length. **85**

### **85,5 | WEINGUT FOLLNER “FREUDE PUR”**

**AL** - Red fruit, floral notes and dry spices such as cardamom, the palate is on the lighter side, but with juicy red fruit and good drinkability as well as quite fine persistent. **87**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Notes of ripe berries and a touch of herbal aromas. On the palate medium density and length with crisp acidity and slightly dryish tannins. **84**

### **82 | WEINGUT MOSER HANS “BLAUFRÄNKISCH EXCLUSIVE”**

**AL** - Floral and fruity nose with hints of red and dark berries, the palate appears slightly more austere than the nose which suggests, still good fruit, but with present tannin and young acidity, should mellow with some further ageing, thus, balanced but young. **85**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with lean fruit, slightly musty and alcoholic, mono-dimensional on the palate. **79**

### **LEITHABERG DAC**

#### **87 | WEINGUT FAM. PRIELER**

**AL** - Quite roasted and intense nose with hints of coffee, leather and black fruit, the palate is still youthful and closely knit with intense tannin and acidity, good fruit, but slightly tight and extracted, should get 1-2 more years to smoothen. **87**  
**MdM** - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Intense flavour reminiscent of torrefied aromas and dark berries. On the palate well structured, medium density and good length, tannins slightly dry in the finish. **87**

#### **87 | WEINGUT GERNOT & HEIKE HEINRICH “LEITHABERG DAC”**

**AL** - Sweet and perfumed nose, floral with wild berry character, medium bodied with soft texture, fresh red fruit, a lighter style with good drinkability. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with elegant, but fairly discreet fruit. Elegant spiciness in the background. On the palate clean and juicy with medium density and length. **88**

#### **87 | WEINGUT HANS & CHRISTINE NITTNAUS**

**AL** - Roasted notes, vanilla, wood and tobacco on the nose, the palate is medium bodied with intense freshness and hints of freshly crushed berries, rather soft and medium long finish. **86**  
**MdM** - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Intense aromas reminiscent of toast and vanilla, cherries and blackberries, mild spices. On the palate well structured, medium density and good length, tannins slightly dry in the finish. **88**

#### **87 | WEINGUT NEHRER “LEITHABERG DAC”**

**AL** - Juicy wild fruit on the nose and palate, fine spiciness with hints of clove, vanilla and a dash of oak, fresh and vibrant finish, good drinkability. **87**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with almost juicy character, on the palate medium density and length. **87**

### **86,5 | WEINGUT MOSER HANS**

**AL** - Sweet nose with hints of blackcurrants and candy, the palate is slightly more restrained with some herbal notes, red fruit and intense acidity expression, balanced and fresh finish. **86**  
**MdM** - Deep purple red with violet hue. Ripe fruit reminiscent of blackcurrant and raspberries, discreet spiciness. On the palate clean, medium density and length, tannins with a slightly harsh expression in the finish. **87**

### 86,5 | WEINGUT SOMMER

AL - Peppery and spicy nose with ripe blackberry nicely structured with generous fruit, intense freshness and decent length, good drinkability and soft tannin. 87

MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Fresh fruit in the nose with a touch of mild spices. On the palate rather lean, but elegant and crisp in the finish. 86

### 86 | WEINGUT ANITA & HANS NITTAUS "LEITHABERG"

AL - Aromatic with dry spices, violets and wild berries, the palate is nicely austere with dry spices and red fruit flavours, nicely refreshing with fine length. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose, but little complexity. Slightly smoky character and a smattering of green flavour in the background. On the palate medium body and length. 84

### 84 | WEINGUT WAGENTRISTL

AL - Dark cherry and patisserie (freshly baked pastry) on the nose, medium bodied, youthful and vibrant freshness on the palate, red fruity with notes of red cherry, fine spices and fair length. 85

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well structured nose with aromas reminiscent of dried plums and dark cherries. Mild spices enhance the fruit. On the palate medium density and length with a slightly lean finish. 83

### 82,5 | WEINGUT TINHOF "STEINRIEGEL"

AL - A hint of wood and vanilla with fresh berries, the palate is somewhat on the rustic side with herbal and red fruity flavours, medium bodied and fresh, nicely drinkable, but not complex. 83

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with discreet fruit and a touch of minerality. On the palate almost salty taste with medium length. 82

### 82,5 | WEINGUT MARKUS ALTENBURGER

AL - Darkly fruited nose, the palate is slightly lighter with intense acidity and red fruit notes, nice and refreshing, but lacks the substance to be really interesting. 82

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Very closed nose, needs time to open up. On the palate rustic tannins, medium density and length. 83

### 82,5 | WEINGUT BIRGIT BRAUNSTEIN & MARTIN PASLER

AL - A rather sweet nose with notes of blackcurrant and confiture (jam), a lighter structure with high acid and red fruity flavours, some herbal notes, well balanced and drinkable in a lighter style. 84

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Jammy fruit and pyrotechnical aromas. On the palate sweet fruit, high acidity, but lacks body. 81

## MITTELBURGENLAND DAC

### 88,5 | ROTWEINE LANG "LI RESERVE"

AL - Nice nose, a hint of complexity, roasted notes and wild berries, fine spiciness on the palate with dense fruit, some gently roasted notes, well rounded but young tannins, good stuffing and a long finish, well made with a fine potential, already approachable, but should age well. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Roasted aromas and a touch of fruit, slight aniseed, spicy and ether like notes. On the palate clean and well made with medium length. 86

### 87 | WEINGUT TESCH "HOCHBERG"

AL - Fresh berries, patisserie (freshly baked pastry) and spices on the nose, the palate combines sweet fruit with intense acidity, rounded and well balanced finish, medium bodied and drinkable with refreshing young fruit. 86

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Aromas reminiscent of toasted bread, coffee and dark chocolate, red and black berries. On the palate clean and elegant with nicely balanced acidity and well integrated tannins. Medium length. 88

### 86 | ROTWEINE LANG "VITIKULT"

AL - Black peppery and dark fruited nose, fairly structured with a tannic backbone and good freshness, slightly young, but attractive spicy fruit and medium to long finish. 87

MdM - Deep purple red with almost black centre. Nose with quite tight and closed structure. Displays little fruit and spiciness. On the palate medium density and length with slightly sharp tannins. 85

### 85,5 | WEINGUT BAUER-PÖTL "VOM LEHM"

AL - Roasted and smoky nose packed with spicy dark fruit, quite full structure with blackcurrant and herbal flavours, fairly long, still youthful, but well balanced. 87

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Spicy nose with torrefied aromas, ripe fruit in the background. On the palate clean, medium density and length. Nose promises more than body can deliver. 84

### 85 | WEINGUT PRICKLER "SONNBERG"

AL - Young and intense aromas of blackcurrants, vanilla and dark berries, youthful and rather structured with firm backbone, freshly crushed berries and medium length, refreshing and drinkable. 86

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Quite spicy nose with pleasant fruit. On the palate discreet oak influence, mild spices and medium length. 84

### 84,5 | WEINGUT GAGER "RIED FABIAN"

AL - Fine nose with an emphasis on fruit with cherry and plum notes, the palate is fresh and medium full with young freshness and crunchy red fruit, medium length. 85

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Nose quite closed, discreet fruit. On the palate clean, medium body and length, lacks some fruit and structure. 84

### 84,5 | WEINGUT VEREINTE WINZER "HOCHÄCKER"

AL - Gently roasted oak, spices and fresh red and dark berries, medium bodied with pleasant fruit and rather intense freshness, somewhat youthful, but well balanced. 85

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Fruit and mild spices in balance, however quite light style on the palate. 84

### 84,5 | WEINGUT JULIANA "RESERVE BODIGRABEN"

AL - Sweet fruit, liquorice and hints of roasted oak, attractive fruit on the palate, ripe red and dark berries, quite full with mellow tannin, but high acidity and good length. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Seems quite extracted, green notes and jammy fruit, on the palate tannic and rustic. 82

### 84 | WEINGUT VEREINTE WINZER "GFANGER"

AL - Quite sweet, almost jammy fruit on the nose, the palate is slightly light and lean, nice red fruit, but it lacks some substance and stuffing. 82

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Fruity nose with fresh berries and cherries. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium density and length. However rather lighter style. 86

### 84 | WEINGUT WELLANSCHITZ "HOCHBERG"

AL - Some complexity on the nose, fine spices, gently roasted notes, well balanced palate, polished and drinkable with a medium body and fairly long finish. 87

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean fruit and discreet spiciness. On the palate clean, acidity quite strong, lacks fruit and body. 81

### 83,5 | WEINGUT K+K KIRNBAUER "GOLDBERG RESERVE"

AL - Quite spicy nose with hints of aniseed and sloe berry, the palate is rather light and polished with medium body, generous fruit and some spicy notes on the finish. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with slightly vegetal character, quite extracted. On the palate firm tannins, lacks fruit. 82

### 83,5 | WEINGUT J. HEINRICH "GOLDBERG"

AL - Red fruit and some herbal vegetal notes, lighter body, balanced with pleasant fruit, but some green notes and a rather short finish. 82

MdM - Deep purple red with almost violet hue. Slightly balmy character with tones of vanilla and blueberry and a touch of oak. On the palate medium density and length. 85

### 83,5 | WEINGUT HUNSDORFER

AL - Dark fruity and spicy with hints of aniseed and sloe berries, the palate is young and dense, at present quite tannic and marked by oak, needs some time to integrate, slightly harsh at this moment. 83

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Quite okay character, lacks fruit. On the palate slightly harsh tannins. 84

### 83,5 | WEINGUT STREHN "WEISSES KREUZ"

AL - Spicy and roasted nose, wild berries and medium to full structure, rather high acidity at present, spicy finish. 85

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean but rather monodimensional. Pleasant fruit on the palate, yet lean finish. 82

### 83 | WEINGUT J. HEINRICH "ALTE REBEN"

AL - A rather rich and modern nose with roasted oak and spicy dark fruit, medium to full structure with generous fruit and medium length. 86

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with discreet fruit, slightly soapy character, spicy and floral. On the palate medium density and length. 80

### 82 | WEINGUT STREHN "JOSEPH"

AL - Fairly elegant on the nose, red fruity, floral and gently spicy, the palate is on the lighter side with fresh red fruit and rounded tannin. 85

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Very discreet character with hidden fruit in the background. On the palate clean, but quite light. 82

### 77,5 | WEINGUT GOBER "HOCHÄCKER"

AL - Quite developed nose, dried fruit character, vegetal notes, very light and somewhat lean palate, lacks fruit and pleasure. 77

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Nose with signs of oxidation, quite tired, On the palate monodimensional, lean and tired. 78

## EISENBERG DAC

### 85,5 | WEINGUT STEPHANO "DAS-WEIN-GUT - GONZALO"

AL - Nice and fruity with hints of dark cherry and dry spices, a medium bodied example with red fruited notes and a refreshing finish, good drinkability. 85

MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Elegant nose with fine fruit flavour, blackberries and mulberries, on the palate fine fruit, but a slightly lighter style. 86

## NIEDERÖSTERREICH

### 89 | WEINGUT MEINRAD MARKOWITSCH "RESERVE"

AL - Dark berries, aniseed and just a touch of oak on the nose, rather full. At the same time young and restrained fruit on the palate, some tannic presence, but a fine overall balance, should develop well. Drink from 2013. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with clearly defined fruit, blackberries and mulberries, some mild spices in the background. On the palate fine structured with well integrated tannins and good length. 89

## BLAUFRÄNKISCH 2008

## BURGENLAND

### 88 | WEINGUT WELLANSCHITZ "WELL" 2008

AL - Sweet dark plum, chocolate, a hint of oak and tobacco, the palate is rich and concentrated with hints of new oak, dark plummy fruit, a fairly high level of tannin and acidity, still youthful and slightly tight, but should soften within the coming year. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very opulent nose with balmy character, notes of vanilla and mild spices, white pepper, blackberries and elderberries, cherries and overripe plums. On the palate well structured, but slightly extracted, tannins with a harsh character. Good length. 88

### 85 | WEINGUT WELLANSCHITZ "HUSSI" 2007

AL - Generous oak on the nose, roasted notes and wild berries, the palate is medium to full, feels somewhat extracted with presence of oak and high acidity, the fruit is slightly hidden right now, dry finish, will probably get better, but the oak feels rather dominant now. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Slightly vegetal character, seems slightly extracted, on the palate quite dry tannins. 86

### 82 | WEINGUT JOSEF U. MARIA REUMANN "VITIKULT" 2008

AL - A lighter example with some gamey notes, red fruit and high acidity, refreshing and clean for early drinking. 82

MdM - Dark purple red. Slightly farmyard like, but also pyrotechnical components, whereas the wine shows harshness on the palate. 82

## SANKT LAURENT 2009

## BURGENLAND

### 91,5 | WEINGUT SCHLOSS HALBTURN

AL - Gently roasted notes and rather dark fruit character, quite full palate, still smooth with supple tannin, roasted notes and very nice dark berry fruit, good length and a certain level of complexity, very attractive. 92

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very spicy character with a slightly dominant oak influence, well balanced fruit in the background. On the palate creamy texture, well integrated tannins and good aromatic length. 91

### 90 | WEINGUT GSELLMANN & HANS "KLASSIK"

AL - Elegant fruit, wild berries with a hint of minerals, very soft and delicate texture on the palate, good length and a very fine drinkability. 91

MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Discreet nose with raspberries and blackberries, slightly spicy. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium density and good length. Fresh and elegant. 89

### 88,5 | WEINGUT LEITNER "ALTENBERG"

AL - Sweet nose with hints of patisserie (freshly baked pastry), confit (preserved) and fresh berries, soft texture and a mild spiciness, gently roasted oak in the background, fine length, elegant and drinkable. 89

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Leather and spices, meaty character, quite rustic. On the palate clean, tannins slightly harsh, medium length. 88

## 88 | WEINGUT ANDREAS & CHRISTINE WENDELIN “GROSSES HOLZ UNGERBERG”

AL - Some roasted notes, vanilla and red fruity notes, light to medium bodied structure, pleasant red fruit, spicy vanilla notes, high acidity but mellow tannin, nicely drinkable, still with potential for a few years of ageing. **88**  
MdM - Initially quite reductive, this St. Laurent opens up with some oxygen. Ripe berry fruit and mild spices are predominance the nose. On the palate quite ripe and well balanced. **88**

## 88 | WEINGUT RENNER “ALTER WEINGARTEN”

AL - Nice nose, perfumed and floral with fresh red fruit and gentle spices, the palate is medium bodied with a rather high acidity, soft tannins in the background and a fairly long red fruity finish. **88**  
MdM - Purple red with almost garnet red hue. Clean nose with aromas of cherries and blackberries, vanilla, balmy character, on the palate fine grained tannins, well integrated acidity and well structured, medium length. **88**

## 86 | WEINGUT HUNSDORFER “RESERVE”

AL - Darker fruit character, plum and dark cherry, a fair amount of new oak. The palate is quite tight knit and austere, fairly extracted with young tannin, will probably soften from another 1-2 years of ageing, concentrated but not in full harmony today. **85**  
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. In the nose quite ripe aromas or dark berry fruit and cherries. A touch of dark chocolate and vanilla, slightly balmy character and good structure. On the palate clean, slightly extracted, however with well structured medium length. **87**

AL - Dry spices and wild berries on the nose, the palate offers charming fruit, a very soft texture, but nevertheless with an attractive flavour intensity, good length and a very fine drinkability. **90**  
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose but quite developed, liquorice in the nose and on the palate. **85**

## 86 | WEINGUT STREHN “HÖLZL”

AL - The nose combines red and dark berries with vegetal and spicy notes, the palate shows some roasted notes and a hint of bitterness, not very polished, high acidity on the finish. **83**  
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well shaped nose with aromas reminiscent of toast and chocolate, blackberries and a touch of blackcurrant. On the palate clean and well balanced with good length and medium density. **89**

## 85,5 | WEINGUT ZANTH

AL - Slightly more spicy nose, sweet fruit, medium full with hints of confiture (jam), spices and some tannins in the background, fair length. **84**  
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Slightly jammy character, ripe fruit. On the palate clean, well integrated tannin, well structured medium length. **87**

## 83 | WEINGUT UMATHUM

AL - Slightly closed and restrained, fine fruit, but some bitter and austere notes on the finish. **83**  
MdM - Smoky nose with pyrotechnical flavour, fruit in the background. On the palate clean, however slightly bitter in the finish. **83**

## 82,5 | WEINGUT HÖPLER “ERWEIN”

AL - Sweet nose with hints of red fruit confiture (jam) and spices, a lighter styled palate with soft structure and mellow finish, attractively drinkable with a pleasant and fair finish. **85**  
MdM - Dark purple red colour with garnet red hue. Nose with ripe character, traces of oxidation, seems tired. On the palate clean, however quite tired. **80**

## 80,5 | WEINGUT TINHOF “FEUERSTEIG”

AL - A light structured wine, red fruit, high acidity and some vegetal notes, lacks the substance to be interesting. **81**  
MdM - Clean however quite simple quality, lack length and depth. **80**

## 77 | WEINGUT MEINKLANG “KONKRET”

AL - Sweet and intense nose with hints of blackberry jam, the palate is more austere, slightly extracted and green with a sharp acidity. **79**  
MdM - On the nose with spicy aromas, liquorice, ripe fruit. On the palate traces of oxidation. Vegetal components. **75**

## NEUSIEDLERSEE

## 84 | WEINGUT ANITA & RICHARD GOLDENITS “PRÄDIUM”

AL - The nose shows some notes of blackcurrant and candy, some rubbery notes, palate is on the drier side, already feels slightly developed with a dry finish. **81**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with almost black centre. Clean nose with intense aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant and blackberries, on the palate intense blackcurrant fruit and notes of liquorice. Good length but quite developed. **87**

## 80 | WEINGUT WURZINGER

AL - Very youthful and tight knit, slightly reductive, slightly lean finish. **80**  
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with spicy, almost pyrotechnical flavours, ripe berry fruit, needs some time. On the palate lean with slightly acidic components. **80**

## NIEDERÖSTERREICH

## 87,5 | WEINGUT SCHLAMBERGER “KREMSEER SOMMERLEITEN”

AL - Slightly more modern and dark fruity with blackberry, roasted oak, spices and a fairly high acidity although soft tannins, decent length. **86**  
MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Well structured nose with slightly smoky aromas, ripe dark berry fruit, plums and cherries. On the palate slightly spicy with a discreet herbal note in the background. **87**

## 86,5 | WEINGUT GOBELSBURG “HAIDGRUND”

AL - Slightly more modern and dark fruity with blackberry, roasted oak, spices and a fairly high acidity although soft tannins, decent length. **86**  
MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Well structured nose with slightly smoky aromas, ripe dark berry fruit, plums and cherries. On the palate slightly spicy with a discreet herbal note in the background. **87**

## 83 | WEINGUT BANNERT “KREUZBERG”

AL - Sweet dark berries and earthy liquorice notes on the nose, the palate is soft but quite light, elegant fruit, some green notes and a medium finish. **84**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with black centre. Nose with very ripe character, herbal spiciness, liquorice, on the palate clean, but quite ripe and lean. **82**

## 81 | WEINGUT DÜRNBERG “SELECT”

AL - A touch more robust and spicy nose, red fruit and the palate is quite lean with sharp acidity and dry finish. **81**  
MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with fresh fruit, raspberries and blackberries, lean fruit on the palate, however not too long. **81**

## 80,5 | WEINGUT R. & A. PFAFFL “ALTENBERG”

AL - Very light and herbal, slightly hollow, short. **81**  
MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Nose with ripe aromas, herbaceous, lacks fruit. On the palate vegetal aromas and quite astringent tannins. **80**

## 75 | WEINGUT MALAT “RESERVE”

AL - Quite faded colour, medicinal nose, very thin with bitter notes and dry finish, not good. **75**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with brick red hue. Mature nose with balmy, almost tired character, on the palate drying out and tired. **75**

## WAGRAM

## 88 | WEINGUT LETH “RESERVE”

AL - Sweet fruit, gentle spiciness and good integration of the oak, medium bodied with soft texture and sweet fruity finish, fairly persistent, well made. **89**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with violet hue. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of blackberries, blueberries and cherries. Mild spices. On the palate medium density and length. **87**

## 84,5 | WEINGUT GROISS

AL - A charmingly balanced wine with sweet red fruit on the nose, a lighter structure with soft red fruit and fair length, very pleasant drinkability. **85**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with almost violet hue. Clean nose with discreet fruit. On the palate discreet, medium density and length. **84**

## THERMENREGION

## 90 | WEINGUT FAM. AUER “RESERVE”

AL - Attractive perfume, wild berries, fine spices, a hint of patisserie (freshly baked pastry) and a velvety elegant texture, soft and smooth finish, good length and balance, very fine. **91**  
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. On the palate clean and well made with good structure. **89**

## 89,5 | WEINGUT SCHNEIDER “RESERVE”

AL - Spicy nose, slightly marked by oak, dark fruity with a rather full palate, good length and soft tannins, should just get some more time for the oak to settle. **89**  
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Modern nose with clean fruit, blackberries and blackcurrant. Mild spices, toast and chocolate. On the palate clean and well made with medium density and quite good length. Soft character, but quite charming. **90**

## 88,5 | WEINGUT LANDAUER-GISPERG “BEST OF 2009”

AL - A fairly generous example with red fruit, spices and a rather full structure, some oak in the background, still with a tannic presence, but without hard edges, quite good. **88**  
MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with good flavour profile, roasted aromas, ripe fruit, blackcurrant, blackberries and a touch of floral overtones, violets. On the palate clean, blackcurrant, well made with good length. **89**

## 86,5 | WEINGUT FREIGUT THALLERN “RONALD”

AL - More dark fruitiness, some herbal notes, the palate is rather full a hint of extraction, but still fairly charming and spicy with decent length and charming dark fruit. **86**  
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. In the nose hidden aromas. A touch of dark berries and chocolate. On the palate clean, slightly extracted, nevertheless with well integrated tannins. **87**

## 82,5 | WEINGUT FREIGUT THALLERN “SELEKTION”

AL - The wine feels quite ripe on the nose, dark colour, the palate is still on the lighter side and fairly extracted, rather dry finish. **81**  
MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Plums and blackcurrant, mulberries and elderberries. On the palate medium density and length, touch of spiciness. **84**

## 81 | WEINGUT JOHANNESHOF REINISCH “FRAUENFELD”

AL - Nutty and red fruity aromas, rather light bodied with spicy notes and some vegetal notes, medium length. **82**  
MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue. Bitter almonds in the nose, dusty and aromas of hay. On the palate dryish and lean. **80**

## 75 | WEINGUT STIFT KLOSTERNEUBURG “RESERVE”

AL - Oxidised nose and flat fruit on the palate. **75**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with black centre. Nose with oxidation influence. **75**

# SANKT LAURENT 2008

## B U R G E N L A N D

## 88,5 | WEINGUT JURIS “RESERVE” 2008

AL - Wild berries, smoke and some earthy notes on the nose, the palate is soft and elegant with red fruit, smooth tannin and a medium body, fairly long and fruity finish without hard edges. **88**  
MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue. Nose with intense roasted flavours, chocolate, fresh ground coffee, ripe dark berry fruit and Morello-cherries. On the palate well balanced with slightly roasted aromas, good length and well integrated tannins. **89**

# PINOT NOIR 2009

## B U R G E N L A N D

## 91 | WEINGUT FEILER-ARTINGER “GERTBERG”

AL - Floral and inviting nose with red fruit confiture (jam), vanilla and a hint of oak, soft and supple palate with raspberry fruit, rather dense but without hard edges, warm finish and a good persistence. **90**  
MdM - Garnet red colour with almost orange hue. Lush aroma, slightly dominated by oak and roasted flavours, chocolate and ripe fruit. Raspberries and ripe blackberries as well as Morello cherries. On the palate clean and well balanced with elegant acidity and finely grained tannins. Convincing length. **92**

## 89 | WEINGUT ZANTHO

AL - Sweet nose of red berry confiture (jam), vanilla and some creamy notes, good grip on the palate, concentrated but with smooth tannins, juicy acidity and red fruit flavours, well integrated acidity, rather long. **89**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with almost brick red hue. Nose quite ripe with aromas of cherries and blackberries, oak influence and also rather present alcohol. On the palate aromatic with aromas reminiscent of Morello cherries, chocolate and dark berries. Tannins and acidity well balanced, overall good length. More convincing on the palate than in the nose. **89**

## 88,5 | WEINGUT JURIS “BREITENTEIL”

AL - Sweet red fruity nose with floral notes and generous oak, less oak on the palate, juicy red fruit and a polished texture, fairly long and balanced finish. **87**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with a slightly brick red hue. Clean nose with almost balmy character, ripe raspberries and Morello cherries, a touch of chocolate, oak spices and toast. On the palate juicy, well balanced with good length. **90**

## 88 | WEINGUT JURIS “HOCHREIT”

AL - Sweet cherry and raspberry aromas, a generous amount of oak and mild spices, rather full palate, fairly tannic for a Pinot but charming fruit and overall balance, should smoothen from another year of ageing. **88**  
MdM - Dark garnet red. Well balanced aromas of oak and fruit, hints of flint stone, toast and dark berries. On the palate clean and well made with good length but rather firm tannins, adding to a slightly bitter finish. **88**

## 88 | WEINGUT JUDITH BECK

AL - Red berries and citrus on the nose, medium bodied and quite youthful with intense freshness, still slightly tight, but with good fruit and fairly long finish, should open up in the coming year or so. **87**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with almost brick red hue. Nose quite tight, rather discreet fruit. On the palate well structured with ripe tannins and medium length. **89**

## 88 | WEINGUT PMC MÜNZENRIEDER “PINOT NOIR VOM NEUBRUCH”

AL - Wild raspberry and blackberry on the nose, some fine spices and a rather youthful structure, there is some tannic presence, a good freshness and persistent finish, will become better from some ageing as it is still rather young and tightly knit. **88**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with almost violet hue. Very tight nose, slowly displaying some fruit and spicy aromas. Well structured on the palate with ripe tannins and almost juicy fruit. Well structured medium length. Could arguably perform better with some more age. **88**

## 85,5 | WEINGUT GSELLMANN & HANS

AL - Quite discreet nose, wild berries, some roasted notes, the palate is creamy with bright red fruit, vanilla and a soft texture, good freshness with a spicy finish and slightly dry aftertaste. **85**  
MdM - Dark garnet red with almost violet hue. Nose quite closed with aromas reminiscent of oak and red stone fruits. Lacks some complexity. On the palate quite typical with cherry and blackberry aroma, but tannins slightly harsh. Medium length. **86**

## 85,5 | WEINGUT RENNER

**AL** - Fruity and floral nose, rather dark fruity character, the palate is dense and concentrated with attractive sweet fruit, a polished texture, quite pleasant, but slightly dry on the finish. **86**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Clean nose with typical ripe Pinot fruit, however advanced for 2009. On the palate clean and well made, however tannins drying out in the finish. **85**

## 83,5 | WEINGUT SCHLOSS HALBTURN

**AL** - Very dominated by oak at present, quite full with a darker fruit character, some burnt/roasted notes rather present on the palate, not in perfect balance as the oak is quite heavy. **82**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Quite massive oak in the nose covering the present fruit. Smoky and limited fruit expression. On the palate burnt oak, almost jammy fruit, lacks finesse. **85**

## 80,5 | WEINGUT GERNOT & HEIKE HEINRICH

**AL** - Fairly developed with a dry fruit character and some rubbery notes, quite soft palate, but somewhat flat, lacks substance to be interesting. **81**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Quite hidden fruit and rather mineral expression and almost medicinal character. On the palate medium density, short finish. **80**

## 80,5 | WEINGUT UMATHUM "UNTER DEN TERRASSEN ZU JOIS"

**AL** - Perfumed with stewed red fruit and some green notes, quite light and acid palate with vegetal notes and short finish. **81**  
**MdM** - Garnet red with almost brick red hue. Vegetal components, slightly herbaceous, metallic, lacks fruit. On the palate rather harsh tannins, medium length. **80**

## 80 | WEINGUT GOBER

**AL** - Slightly volatile nose, sour cherry and balsamic vinegar, the palate is soft and polished, but tastes rather flat. **80**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Nose with rather musty aromas, almost Port like. On the palate medium weight, lacks fruit. **80**

## 80 | WEINGUT LANDAUER "SCHAFGRUBE"

**AL** - Quite leafy nose with some floral notes, very extracted and somewhat sweet palate, slightly dissipated with a feeling of residual sugar. **80**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Quite massively extracted, vegetal components upfront, fruit not backing up. On the palate sweet-sour with harsh tannins. **80**

## 79 | WEINGUT SCHANDL "GERTBERG/WALD"

**AL** - Dried fruit, quite flat and over the hill, short and uninteresting. **79**  
**MdM** - Garnet red with orange hue. Premature character, meaty, lacks fruit. On the palate quite mono-dimensional. **79**

## 78 | WEINGUT JURIS

**AL** - Quite developed nose, feels old, dried fruit and herbs on the palate, somewhat angular, lacks charm, freshness and fruit. **78**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red with orange hue. Quite ripe nose with almost oxidation like aromas, chocolate and prunes. On the palate overripe with harsh tannins in the finish. **78**

## NEUSIEDLERSEE

### 86,5 | WEINGUT PÖCKL

**AL** - The nose combines sweet fruit, oak and spices, hints of liquorice and red berries, rather full structure with young fruit, fine tannins and a long fresh finish, well balanced, should benefit nicely from another year in the cellar. **88**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Clean nose with typical flavour, however slightly bitter tannins on the palate. **85**

### 79,5 | WEINGUT MÜNZENRIEDER

**AL** - This feels quite ripe and developed, stewed fruit and some vegetal notes, decent structure but the fruit is slightly dry and austere on the finish. **81**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Nose with well advanced evolution, almost oxidative components and rather vegetal flavours. On the palate tired and oxidised, bitter finish. **78**

## NEUSIEDLERSEE-HÜGELLAND

### 89 | WEINGUT WAGENTRISTL "KREIDEBERG"

**AL** - Quite oaky and smoky nose, less marked by the wood on the palate, crisp red fruit, a youthful structure, good freshness and length, still quite young, but overall balanced. **87**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red with purple red hue. Aromas of rhum and incense, discreet fruit in the background. On the palate clean, well balanced, tannins well integrated, vibrant acidity and good length. **91**

### 88,5 | WEINGUT REMUSHOF JAGSCHITZ "WALDLÄCKER"

**AL** - Sweet and charming nose of berry confiture (jam), soft, supple and sweet palate with a creamy texture and pleasant finish, rather long. **88**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with almost violet hue. Slightly jammy fruit, modern style, strawberries and marinated blackberries as well as a touch of chocolate. On the palate clean and well made with well integrated tannins. **89**

### 83 | WEINGUT FAM. PRIELER

**AL** - A rather structured example, slightly closed on the nose with a hint of wood, quite tannic at present, finishes dry, feels rather extracted. **82**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Pyrotechnical aromas, smoky, little fruit. On the palate slightly sharp alcohol, medium length. **84**

## NIEDERÖSTERREICH

### 92 | WEINGUT GOBELSBURG "ALTE HAIDE"

**AL** - Quite complex nose, youthful and vibrant fruit, wild raspberry, cherry, some roasted notes and finely integrated oak, good structure on the palate, really delicious fruit and a good level of freshness, long and lingering finish, delicate, but at present with a good structure and potential. **91**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Opulent nose with ripe aromas of strawberries and raspberries, mulberries, elegant toasted notes, quite complex and rich. On the palate well balanced with good length, ripe fruit and a touch of oak. Quite complex with potential. **93**

### 87,5 | WEINGUT BRÜNDLMAYER "CÉCILE"

**AL** - Quite ripe sweet fruit and some vanilla notes, soft palate with a creamy texture and fairly long finish, pleasant drinkability. **88**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red with violet hue. Quite classic character on the nose, red berries and a touch of chocolate, slightly mineral. On the palate juicy, well balanced, just on the finish a touch to alcoholic. **87**

### 81,5 | WEINGUT FRED LOIMER "TERRASSEN"

**AL** - Leafy nose with stewed red fruit aromas, soft palate with sweet fruit and some vegetal notes, a touch dry on the finish. **81**  
**MdM** - Garnet red with brick red hue. Clean but ripe nose, slightly flinty and mineral. On the palate clean however, a touch lean on the finish. **82**

### 83,5 | WEINGUT MALAT "RESERVE"

**AL** - Sloe berry and aniseed on the nose, quite opulent and rich palate with fresh red berries and some spicy notes, rather alcoholic finish. **83**  
**MdM** - Garnet red with brick red hue. Quite ripe, medium density, ripe fruit. On the palate well balanced with a certain ripeness. **84**

### 82,5 | WEINGUT CHRISTOPH BAUER "GERICHTSBERG"

**AL** - Slightly gamey nose, sweet fruit and soft palate, the fruit feels rather dried, spicy and gamey, feels somewhat rustic. **81**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red with brick red hue. Nose with rather farmyard like character and herbaceous notes. On the palate clean with aromas of blackcurrant, however lacks length and depth. **84**

### 81 | WEINGUT PHILLIP ZULL

**AL** - Another example that tastes rather developed with a dried fruit character, soft palate, jammy fruit and some herbal notes, quite short. **82**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Ripe flavour reminiscent of Port, signs of oxidation, fruit has vanished. On the palate medium length and density, soft tannins, again oxidation. **80**

## WACHAU

### 82 | WEINGUT MÜLLER "SÜSSENBERG RESERVE"

**AL** - The nose feels rather developed with some rubbery notes, quite sweet and ripe palate with a rounded texture, although it lacks freshness and length. **82**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with oxidised character. On the palate fruity and spicy with medium length. **82**

## WAGRAM

### 83,5 | WEINGUT LETH "RESERVE"

**AL** - Red fruity nose with some herbal notes, medium bodied palate with a Burgundian structure, slightly more austere with good freshness, although quite marked by oak on the aftertaste. **84**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red with brick red hue. On the nose some herbaceous influence, rather limited fruit. On the palate leafy and herbaceous with not enough fruit, but a touch of oak. **83**

## CARNUNTUM

### 89 | WEINGUT GERHARD MARKOWITSCH "RESERVE"

**AL** - Charming nose displaying wild berries, ginger and fine spices, good grip on the palate, juicy fruit and a well rounded structure, good mouth feel and length, very enjoyable. **90**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of dark cherries and blackberries with an elegant spiciness. On the palate well structured but not very long. **88**

## THERMENREGION

### 90,5 | WEINGUT ANDAUER-GISPERG "PINOT NOIR BEST OF 2009"

**AL** - Intense fruity notes, slightly darker fruit character, wild berries and some spicy roasted notes, the palate is rather full and juicy with a soft texture, abundant fruit and some hints of roasted oak, albeit well integrated, long finish, pleasant. **90**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Ripe flavour reminiscent of strawberries, Morello cherries and blackberries combined with elegant oak spices and vanilla. On the palate clean and well balanced with good length. Juicy finish with typical character. **91**

### 90,5 | WEINGUT FAM. AUER "RESERVE"

**AL** - Some roasted notes, red fruit confiture (jam) and hints of patisserie (freshly baked pastry) - the palate is fresh and vivid with good balance between sweet red fruit and gentle spiciness, soft tannins and a rather long finish with some complex notes. **90**  
**MdM** - Very intense, dark garnet red. The first impression displays a positive image, however powerful oak influence with aromas reminiscent of toast, vanilla and slightly smoky components, puts a question mark on first impression. On the palate the wine is well structured with firm tannins, nevertheless balanced by a touch of sweetness and fruit. **91**

## 89 | FREIGUT THALLERN

**AL** - Clean and vibrant fruit on the nose, wild raspberry, cherry and fine spices, good structure on the palate rich and juicy fruit, well rounded texture that gives a silky mouth feel, long finish. **90**  
**MdM** - Dark purple red with violet hue. Aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant, blackberries and raspberries as well as black cherries and mild spices. On the palate clean and well made with medium length. **88**

### 87,5 | WEINGUT JOHANNESHOF REINISCH "GRILLENHÜGEL"

**AL** - Sweet fruity nose, red cherry and orange peel, the palate is medium bodied with intense freshness and red fruit, some spicy hints of ginger, fairly long and already drinkable. **87**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Medium intense nose with discreet fruit and quite ripe character. On the palate clean, however slightly rustic. **88**

### 85 | WEINGUT FISCHER "CLASSIC"

**AL** - Very light colour, brownish hue, redolent with earthy notes and stone fruit, the palate is rather Burgundian, in a lighter style with some complexity on the finish. **86**  
**MdM** - Garnet red with brick red hue. Clean but ripe nose, almost dried fruit character. On the palate clean with hints of blackcurrant, medium length. **84**

### 84,5 | WEINGUT FISCHER "PREMIUM"

**AL** - A quite light wine with red fruity, spicy aromas, a light body that offers juicy red fruit and a vibrant freshness, medium long finish. **84**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Overall ripe impression in the nose and on the palate without being very complex. **85**

### 83,5 | WEINGUT BIEGLER

**AL** - Some hints of roasted oak and fruity aromas of cherry and red berries, the palate has some notes of bitter chocolate, fresh and medium long. **83**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Almost herbaceous nose, lacks fruit and complexity, rather discreet character. **84**

### 83 | WEINGUT SCHNEIDER "RESERVE"

**AL** - Dark fruity and leafy aromas, hints of blackcurrants and candy, the palate is on the lighter side, quite soft with a short aftertaste. **81**  
**MdM** - Very dark garnet red. Nose with candied blackcurrant, spicy. On the palate well made with good structure and fruit. **85**

## STEIERMARK (STYRIA)

### SÜDOSTSTEIERMARK

#### 83 | WEINGUT NEUMEISTER

**AL** - Smoke, vanilla and red fruit confiture (jam) on the nose, the palate offers a sweet fruit character, but still with a certain freshness, medium length, drinkable right now. **84**  
**MdM** - Garnet red. Very discreet nose, lacks complexity and depth. On the palate clean, but rather monodimensional. **82**

#### 82,5 | WEINGUT WOHLMUTH "ALTENBERG"

**AL** - Slightly closed on the nose, rather Burgundian palate with an austere structure and high freshness, attractive fruit and medium length. **84**  
**MdM** - Garnet red with a touch of orange. Clean nose with almost candied fruit, however a touch fluid. On the palate lean, almost medium length, but slightly sharp tannins. **81**

## WIEN (VIENNA)

#### 82 | WEINGUT R. & A. PFAFFL

**AL** - The nose is rather sweet and indicates ripeness, yet there is some green, vegetal notes there, high freshness and medium length. **83**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Herbaceous character and lean body. **81**

#### 81 | WEINGUT WIENINGER "SELECT"

**AL** - The nose is dominated by oak, light red fruit, the palate is medium bodied, but also quite marked by oak, the fruit feels somewhat hidden, medium length. **80**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. Nose with rather discreet character, ripening process quite advanced for the vintage. On the palate rather limited complexity. **82**

## PINOT NOIR 2008

### BURGENLAND

#### 81 | WEINGUT FAM. PRIELER 2008

**AL** - Rather dried fruit character, quite advanced degree of development, seems to be ageing prematurely and rather dry. **80**  
**MdM** - Dark garnet red. In the nose ripe with aromas reminiscent of mild spices and ripe blackberries. Already showing signs of maturity. On the palate medium density and length. **82**

# RED BLENDS CUVEES 2009

## BURGENLAND

### 93,5 | WEINGUT TESCH “JANA PAULINA”

AL - Floral and dark fruited nose with notes of violets, blackberry, spices and tobacco - really nice palate, well balanced between dense dark fruit, yet with plenty of character and spiciness, really long and balanced finish, very attractive. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Densely structured in the nose with vibrant fruit and perfect use of oak. On the palate well balanced, elegant, very classic style with good length and great potential. **94**

### 93 | WEINGUT MAD - HAUS MARIENBERG “FURIOSO”

AL - Generous nose with roasted notes, coffee, ripe fruit and smoke, the palate is dense and concentrated with finely integrated tannins and acidity, rich and nuanced with some gently roasted notes and a truly long finish. Bold and ample, nevertheless with good drinkability and freshness. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very opulent oak, fresh ground coffee, dark chocolate, cold smoke, well balanced with lush fruit. On the palate well structured with good length. Great balance and a certain depth. A very modern style, but quite promising potential. **93**

### 92,5 | WEINGUT GERNOT & HEIKE HEINRICH “PANNOBILE”

AL - Smoky dark fruit with notes of violets and bacon, very nice palate packed with juicy dark fruit, plum, cherry and spices, still youthful, but with integrated tannins and wood, warm and generous with a spicy finish, good persistence. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well structured nose with ripe berry fruit, elderberries and blackberries. On the palate juicy and well structured with balanced tannins and acidity. **92**

### 92,5 | WEINGUT WAGENTRISTL “HEULICHIN”

AL - Really nice nose, smoky and meaty with dark blackberry, sweet spices and smoke, really full with crunchy dark fruit, well balanced with integrated tannin and plenty of sweet spice, chocolate and cloves, long and lingering finish, nice and well structured with a really charming potential. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe fruit and toasted aromas, blackberries and prunes, vanilla and almost balmy spices. On the palate clean and well balanced with sweet fruit and a touch of minerality. Tannins well integrated. **92**

### 92 | WEINGUT NEHRER “SONNSCHEIN”

AL - Rather perfumed with red fruit, cherry, violets and dry spices - the palate is full, but in a slightly more restrained style with red fruit, black pepper and good length, tannins are ripe yet still young, I like this refreshing style, should also gain roundness from further ageing. **92**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Discreet nose slowly opening up with some oxygen. Mild spices and black pepper, ripe blackberries and blueberries. On the palate well balanced with firm tannins and convincing length. Good potential. **92**

### 91,5 | WEINGUT KLOSTERKELLER SIEGENDORF “O’DORA”

AL - Dark plum, chocolate and smoky new oak, a fairly massive palate with ripe fruit, high concentration and extract, still balanced for its style, good length, should develop well. **91**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very intense oak with fresh ground coffee, bitter chocolate, smoky character with well structured fruit in the background. On the palate well structured, massive oak and well balanced fruit. **92**

### 91,5 | WEINGUT TRIEBAUMER GÜNTER & REGINA “BLAUFRÄNKISCH CABERNET”

AL - Very charming nose that offers floral notes, violets, blackberry, smoke and meaty notes, the palate is ample with plenty of flavour and offers dark cherry, blackberry, well integrated oak and smooth tannin, very nice spiciness and length, good drinkability and already with a fair amount of complexity. **92**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with discreet fruit, mild spices and roasted aromas. On the palate well balanced with fine acidity and well integrated tannins. Good length. **91**

### 91 | WEINGUT LENZ MOSER “CARPE DIEM MARIAGE”

AL - Spicy and smoky nose with a fair amount of new oak on the palate, dark fruity and dens with a richness and concentration, black berries, chocolate and polished tannin, still very youthful but with a good length and potential. **91**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very opulent character with intense oak influence, however balanced with fruit. On the palate opulent and well structured with sweet tannins and well expressed fruit in the background. A wine with promising potential. **91**

### 90,5 | WEINGUT FEILER-ARTINGER “ZWEIGELT & MORE”

AL - Nice nose that combines dark fruit with finely integrated oak and some smoky notes, the palate shows good concentration and freshness with hints of dark plum and cherry, fine spices and a long finish, not a blockbuster, but with good presence of tannins that add structure and length, should get better after 1-2 more years in the cellar, nonetheless it is already enjoyable. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with spicy oak, vanilla and caramel, slightly smoky character. Ripe fruit in the background. On the palate well balanced with good length. **91**

### 90,5 | WEINGUT TRIEBAUMER GÜNTER & REGINA “WEITE WELT”

AL - Roasted nose, sweet aromas of wild berries and spice, good density and structure, fresh berries, mild spices and a well rounded texture, juicy fruit and a long finish, very enjoyable. **91**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Slightly gamey start, then displaying ripe fruit. On the palate well balanced with good length. **90**

### 89,5 | WEINGUT ERNST TRIEBAUMER “MAULWURF”

AL - Generous nose that offers vanilla, freshly crushed berries and dry spices, full and structured palate with a good backbone of tannin, juicy fruit and balanced freshness, charming and long aftertaste, nicely drinkable with lively fruit. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well balanced nose with aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant, blackcurrant leaf, oak influence with a touch of chocolate. On the palate clean with crisp fruit and well integrated tannins, good length. **90**

### 89,5 | WEINGUT GAGER “CABLOT”

AL - Generous fruit, clean and vibrant with wild berries, violets and tobacco, good density, very fresh and crunchy dark and red berries, a firm backbone and long finish, a wine with good material, should get another 1-2 years to open up. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense aroma reminiscent of vanilla and balmy flavours, dark berry fruit, cherries. On the palate well balanced with almost good length, but slightly dry tannins in the finish. **90**

### 89,5 | WEINGUT GESELLMANN “OP EXIMIUM NO 22”

AL - Clean and pure nose with red and dark fruit, blackcurrant and herbal notes, the palate is full, but slightly more restrained with a tannic backbone, elegant fruit, good freshness and pleasant length, slightly close knit today, more Cabernet/Bordeaux feeling, well balanced. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Ripe fruit, prunes, cherries and mulberries, mild spices such as vanilla and cinnamon, slightly peppery spiciness. On the palate well balanced with well integrated tannins and rather good length. **89**

### 89,5 | WEINGUT HARALD SCHINDLER “EXCELSE”

AL - Another massive wine with layers of dark plum, cherry, new oak, spice and leather, full and chewy palate with high concentration, roasted notes, chocolate coated black fruit and spices, still youthful and slightly monolithic yet another example that is well balanced in this style and should develop more character and nuance from ageing. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very clear fruit, plums, cherries and dark berries. Oak well integrated with aromas of vanilla, toast and slightly smoky flavour. On the palate well structured with an opulent character. **89**

### 89,5 | WEINGUT JOSEF & MARIA REUMANN “PHOENIX”

AL - Bright dark fruit, cherry and aromas of wood and spice, rather full palate, still marked by wood with young tannins, nice fruit and spiciness, somehow slightly young with a drying sensation from the wood, should get some more ageing, could probably become good, however tastes somewhat dry today. **87**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with ripe berry fruit, blackberries and mulberries, black cherries and a touch of vanilla and sweet oak. On the palate well structured with elegant acidity and well integrated tannins. Good length and potential. **92**

### 89 | WEINGUT GSELLMANN & HANS “PANNOBILE”

AL - Dark berries and some smoky bacon notes, rich and generous palate with freshly crushed dark berries, a gentle spiciness and good freshness, long and lingering finish, well balanced and already approachable. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with discreet fruit and a touch of mild spices. On the palate clean with fresh fruit and medium length. **88**

### 89 | WEINGUT ILLA SZEMES “ARACHON T.FX.T”

AL - Dark plum, smoke and spicy new oak on the nose, very full and structured palate, still young and monolithic with a firm tannic backbone, freshly crushed berries and spicy notes, good length and freshness, slightly youthful, but will soften from further ageing. **88**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense smoky aroma, ripe dark berries, quite opulent style. On the palate well structured, firm tannins, crisp acidity, quite youthful in a modern style. **90**

### 89 | WEINGUT TESCH “TITAN”

AL - Ripe and modern nose with hints of dark plum, blackberry, new oak, vanilla and spice, the palate is young and dense with plenty of dark fruit, rather integrated tannins already, the oak is still noticeable in the background, good length, another blockbuster that needs to calm down another year or so. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Ripe plums and black cherries, vanilla and toast in the nose. On the palate well structured with juicy fruit, but slightly firm tannins. Good length. **89**

### 88,5 | WEINGUT GESELLMANN “BELA REX”

AL - Fresh red and dark berries, mild spices, blackcurrant and some herbal notes, the palate is medium to full with a firm backbone, good level of freshness and elegant red and dark fruit, fairly long yet still slightly young and restrained on the finish. **88**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with aromas of dark berries, slightly dominated by oak. On the palate well balanced with good length and juicy fruit. **89**

### 88,5 | WEINGUT HARALD SCHINDLER “FUEGO”

AL - Patisserie (freshly baked pastry) on the nose with hints of chocolate praline and fruit confiture [jam], good density on the palate, ample dark fruit, a youthful structure with good integration of wood/tannin, still slightly unresolved, but with good length, generous fruit and a spicy finish. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Chocolate and vanilla, sweet berries and dark cherries. On the palate well balanced with good length. Slightly sweet finish. **88**

### 88,5 | WEINGUT LEITNER “PANNOBILE”

AL - Quite modern nose with plenty of new oak, chocolate and ripe dark fruit, the palate is very dense and concentrated, balanced, but still youthful with vanilla flavours from the oak, soft tannins and chocolate coated dark fruit, good length and a warm finish. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense aroma reminiscent of vanilla and cloves, white pepper, ripe plums and elderberries. On the palate well structured with firm tannins and juicy fruit. Slightly bitter finish. **88**

### 85,5 | WEINGUT MARKUS ALTENBURGER “JOIS”

AL - Very intense and slightly volatile nose, dark cherry, balsamic vinegar, quite Italian in style with sour cherry, volatile notes and very high acidity, good fruit and structure. **83**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Ethereal character, slightly overripe fruit, balmy style. On the palate strong tannins and almost sweet fruit, well structured, medium length. **88**

### 88,5 | WEINGUT RENNER “HEIDEBODEN”

AL - Sweet, almost jammy nose with hints of blackcurrant and confiture [jam], there is some oak and vanilla on the palate, young and tight with ample fruit and a fairly long finish, balanced in spite of its youth, drink from 2013. **87**

MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue and almost black centre. Sweet oak and a touch of vegetal flavours as well as ripe dark stone fruit. On the palate well balanced, almost sweet tannins, well integrated with good length. **90**

### 85,5 | WEINGUT UMATHUM “UMATHUM HAIDEBODEN”

AL - Good red fruited nose driven by raspberry and some herbal vegetal notes, slightly more restrained palate, fresh with elegant fruit, but a hint of austerity on the finish. **84**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Pyrotechnical aromas, reductive character, «green» aromas on the nose. On the palate firm tannins, medium density and length with a touch of bitterness in the finish. **87**

### 88 | WINZERKELLER NECKENMARKT “CUVÉE VIA ROMANA”

AL - Nice dark fruit, plum and blackberry with hints of violets, smoke and tobacco, the palate is rather full, still with some tannic notes, but overall with good fruit and spiciness on the finish, should soften within another year. **88**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. In the nose hints of oxidation, quite extracted character, very tight and closed. On the palate rather dry tannins. **88**

### 88 | WEINGUT K+K KIRNBAUER “DAS PHANTOM”

AL - Clean nose with an emphasis on fruit, sweet wild berries and some earthy notes, the palate is quite full, slightly restrained with some green and herbal notes, young firm tannins, elegant fruit and medium length, would improve from some more time in the cellar. **86**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Quite closed nose, needs time to open up, displays signs of complexity. On the palate clean and well structured, elegant and fine with rather crisp acidity and well integrated tannins, good length. **90**

### 88 | WEINGUT PRICKLER “THERMAL”

AL - Modern nose with ripe dark fruit, new oak, spices and some smoky notes, the palate is rich and concentrated - balanced in a modern style, quite youthful but with good integration of tannin and oak, generous fruit and good length, should gain nuance from further ageing, nevertheless, it is pretty good already. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Discreet fruit in the beginning, also a bit vegetal, well used oak. On the palate clean and well made, medium density and length. Touch of sweetness in the finish, but also a touch malty. **87**

### 88 | WEINGUT WELLANSCHITZ “FRATERNITAS”

AL - The nose is fairly dominated by oak at present, dark berries, vanilla and some roasted notes, the palate is full and slightly close knit with high tannin, vanilla and dark fruit, decent length, but somewhat dry on the finish. This wine deserves to be patient for in order to enjoy at its best. **86**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Almost leafy character, slightly smoky, quite hidden fruit. On the palate sweet tannins and sweet fruit, well balanced. Palate is more open and approachable than in the nose. **90**

### 87,5 | WEINGUT HUNSDORFER “CUVÉE CANIS”

AL - Roasted notes of coffee and sweet fruit, however, the palate is slightly more restrained with young tannins and intense acidity, red fruit and some bitterness on the finish. **84**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent chocolate flavour, vanilla and a touch of marinated blackberries. On the palate well structured, with sweet tannins and good length. **91**

**87,5 | WEINGUT RENNER “PANNOBILE”**

AL - Slightly smoky and earthy notes with a hint of black truffle, juicy and concentrated fruit on the palate with herbal and spicy notes, really chewy with a firm backbone, good freshness and a fine persistence, tastes very young, more in the style of a Bordeaux or a Cabernet and should have a very fine potential for ageing. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. On the nose ripe fruit and slightly animal character, leather and tobacco. On the palate rather austere. **86**

**87 | WEINGUT ANDREAS & CHRISTINE WENDELIN “BARRIQUE – POET – ZWERGACKER”**

AL - Generous and sweet nose with hints of patisserie (fresh baked pastry), vanilla and fruit confiture (jam), the nose indicates ripeness, but the palate is somewhat more restrained with red fruited character, some spicy and herbal notes, still a touch young with present tannins and extraction, should mellow with further ageing. **86**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Intense spicy aromas, mainly vanilla, nose indicates a certain ripeness. On the palate youthful tannins, medium density and length. **88**

**87 | WEINGUT TESCH “KREOS”**

AL - Clean fruit on the nose cassis, herbs and red berries, the palate is quite full and austere with youthful tannins some oak and fresh berries, decent length, balanced albeit a bit young. **86**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Ripe plums and strawberries, vanilla and a touch of chocolate. On the palate well structured, tannins in a slightly dryish style. **88**

**87 | WEINGUT VEREINTE WINZER “ROYAL CUVÉE”**

AL - Very woody nose, new oak and some fruit beneath it, tight and rather full palate, still dominated by oak, good fruit but far too young to judge now with all the oak. **83**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with aromas reminiscent of cold smoke, pencil shavings, dark berries such as blackberries and mulberries. On the palate well balanced and opulent with well integrated tannins, juicy character. **91**

**85,5 | WEINGUT GSELLMANN & HANS “GABARINZA”**

AL - Clean and fruity with less oak, red and dark berries, some herbal notes, the palate is medium full with crunchy fruit and a firm tannic backbone and good freshness, balanced and long in a slightly austere style, should soften from further ageing. **87**

MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Nose with discreet fruit, on the palate also discreet fruit, a touch of acidity and lean fruit. **84**

**86,5 | WEINGUT OGGAU FAMILIE TSCHEPPE- ESELBÖCK “ATANASIUS”**

AL - Lightly smoky nose with hints of fresh berries, nicely underlined by oak and fine spiciness, the palate is ample with crunchy red fruit, a dense structure and long spicy finish, elegant. **87**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Well balanced aroma reminiscent of blackberries and cherries with mild spices. On the palate well balanced with medium density and length. **86**

**86,5 | WEINGUT KLOSTERKELLER SIEGENDORF “ROT”**

AL - Quite sweet fruit with notes of confiture (jam) and dark plum, the palate is medium to full with ripe fruit and rather tight tannins, intense freshness and spicy notes, at present somewhat austere with a tannic finish, not bad, but should improve from another year in the cellar. **85**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Quite discreet nose with a touch of red peppers, white pepper and ripe mulberries. On the palate a touch of peppers and ripe berries, firm tannins. **88**

**86,5 | WEINGUT LANDAUER “URBARIAL”**

AL - Nice fruit, soft and juicy with a mild acidity and freshly crushed berries, good length, smooth and supple finish. **86**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Spicy character, soy-sauce aroma, ripe fruit. On the palate soft and pleasant. **87**

**86,5 | WEINGUT NEHRER “HUMMELBÜHEL”**

AL - Sweet and spicy nose with hints of red berries, the palate is on the lighter side with spicy red fruit and some herbal notes, medium length and good freshness. **84**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Spicy nose with tones of fresh ground pepper and vanilla. Slightly ether like aroma. On the palate peppery spiciness, slightly dryish tannins, but also juicy fruit. **89**

**85 | WEINGUT SCHLOSS HALBTURN “IMPÉRIAL ROT”**

AL - Intense floral and spicy nose with hints of wild berries, the palate is medium bodied with spicy and herbal notes, freshly crushed berries and a spicy finish with a hint of bitterness. **86**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with smoky and almost pyrotechnical flavour, leathery, lacks fruit. On the palate quite well balanced with medium length. **84**

**84,5 | WEINGUT FEILER-ARTINGER “SOLITAIRE”**

AL - Quite intense nose with floral notes, violets, dark berries and liquorice, the palate is rather concentrated, but with a soft texture, creamy with dark fruit, bitter chocolate and a long spicy finish. **88**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Leafy character, green peppers, lean the palate. **81**

**84,5 | WEINGUT ROTWEINE LANG “FUSION ONE”**

AL - Earthy notes and wild berries on the nose, the palate is medium to full still somewhat on the tannic side with some herbal notes and freshly crushed berries, fair length and a spicy finish. **84**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Smoky nose with slightly pyrotechnical character, sweet red peppers, blackberries. On the palate well structured, peppers and berry fruit, however slightly light in the finish. **85**

**84 | WEINGUT FEILER-ARTINGER “1015”**

AL - Quite sweet and jammy nose, rather soft palate with generous fruit, blackcurrant and dark cherry flavours, there is a backbone of tannin and good freshness, some oak in the background, medium finish, some herbal notes on the finish, still youthful and unresolved. **84**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with leafy character, green aromas, lacks fruit. On the palate quite dense, good structure, however rather vegetal than fruity. Medium length. **84**

**82,5 | WEINGUT SCHANDL “CABERNET/ VOGELSANG”**

AL - Some leafy and herbal notes, red berries and blackcurrant, the palate is fairly light with red fruit and a herbal spiciness, balanced in a fresh restrained style, medium length. **83**

MdM - Purple red with garnet red hue. Nose with slightly wood character, fruit in the background. On the palate dryish. **82**

**82,5 | WEINGUT BAUER-PÖTLT “CHRISTANIA”**

AL - Red fruited, herbal and spicy nose, medium bodied palate, slightly more restrained with youthful tannins and high acidity, some oak in the background and a slightly dry finish. **84**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose, but very closed, slightly vegetal aromas, continuing on the palate. Volatile and oxidised notes bothering. **81**

**76,5 | WEINGUT HERIBERT BAYER “IN SIGNO LEONIS”**

AL - Slightly volatile with hints of vinegar and sour cherry, somewhat lean palate with volatile acidity and a sparse finish. **78**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Shows volatile acidity and oxidation as well as aldehydes. **75**

**72 | WEINGUT JBN “ROSOLO SENZA RANCOR”**

AL - Oxidised and volatile, dried out and sharp taste, lean and short. **72**

MdM - Dark garnet red with black centre. Wine with volatile and oxidative character. **72**

**NEUSIEDLERSEE****92,5 | WEINGUT WURZINGER “KREUZJOCH”**

AL - Very nice nose, layers of dark fruit, pepper, smoke and tobacco, really nice balance on the palate, dark peppery fruit, violets, smoke and plenty of spice, good freshness and polished tannin, charming length, multi layered and complex finish. Very good. **94**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Quite opulent multi layered fruit with elegant oak spiciness. On the palate juicy and well balanced with good length. **91**

**88,5 | WEINGUT KOPPITSCH-KAST “AM SEE”**

AL - Dark plum and blackcurrant, clean fruit, discreet oak, rather structured with generous fruit, herbal spiciness and a tannic backbone, good length and freshness, should get another year at least, but overall good. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue. Clean and ripe nose with aromas of dried plums and a touch of blackcurrant. On the palate elegant sweetness, juicy character and mild tannins. **88**

**88 | WEINGUT HANS & CHRISTINE NITTNAUS “SALZBERG”**

AL - Dark fruity and smoky nose with hints of white pepper and herbs, good concentration, juicy dark fruit, spicy and herbal notes and fine integration of wood and tannin, fairly long with attractive freshness. **88**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Aromas of red peppers and blackcurrant and a touch of chocolate. On the palate clean with sweet fruit and firm tannins. **88**

**87,5 | WEINGUT MÜNZENRIEDER “HEIDEBODEN”**

AL - Juicy wild berries, nice clean fruit in a medium to full style, elegant style with good drinkability and medium length. **87**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Cold smoke and mild spices, smoked ham, discreet berry fruit. On the palate well balanced with medium density and length. **88**

**87 | WEINGUT HANS & CHRISTINE NITTNAUS “NIT’ANA”**

AL - Aromatically slightly closed with dark plumy fruit, the palate is rather dense, but austere with high acidity and present tannin, some green and vegetal notes, tastes somewhat extracted, not bad but closed and too young. **85**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent character with aromas reminiscent of chocolate and dried plums. In the background slightly vegetal components. On the palate sweet fruit and well integrated tannins. **89**

**87 | WEINGUT MÜNZENRIEDER “ZWEIGLAS”**

AL - Smoky and meaty nose with dark plum, blackberry and spices, medium to full with sweet fruit, some herbal notes and a fair length, nice drinkability. **88**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very closed character. Opens up very slowly, displaying a slightly herbaceous character. On the palate clean but slightly herbaceous. **86**

**86,5 | WEINGUT PÖCKL “ADMIRAL”**

AL - Tobacco, smoke and dark fruit on the nose, the palate is really full but rather extracted, spicy with attractive, dark fruit and good length, however a touch tough and closed today, should profit from 2 more years. **88**

MdM - Very dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very extracted, concentrated nose with hidden fruit, quite closed. On the palate very extracted leading to a slightly bitter finish, not balanced by the sweet fruit. **85**

**86,5 | WEINGUT JUDITH BECK “JUDITH”**

AL - The nose is clean with an emphasis on fruit, red berries plum and gently spiced, medium bodied palate in a slightly restrained style with firm backbone, good freshness and red fruity character, medium long and well balanced. **87**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nicely balanced berry fruit. On the palate clean, crisp acidity, tannins well integrated, medium length. **86**

**83 | WEINGUT PMC MÜNZENRIEDER “DIABOLUS”**

AL - Sweet fruit, almost jammy fruit, herbal notes, the palate is soft and light with jammy fruit and some herbal notes on the finish. **82**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Iodine aromas, peppers and slightly herbaceous. On the palate well structured but drying out tannins. **84**

**83 | WEINGUT MÜNZENRIEDER “MAVIE”**

AL - Quite sweet nose of dark plum and blackcurrant, the palate is soft and medium bodied with sweet almost jammy fruit, some herbal notes and a medium finish. **82**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Quite oxidised flavour, lacks fruit and complexity. On the palate slightly over extracted, sweet fruit but firm tannins. **84**

**82 | WEINGUT THOMAS HARETER “CHRONOS”**

AL - Very oaky nose, hints of caramel and wood, the palate shows high acidity and light fruit, slightly extracted with a dry finish. **82**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Minerality quite upfront with almost petrol like nose. Fruit in the background. On the palate crisp acidity, firm tannins with medium length. **82**

**80,5 | WEINGUT PÖCKL “ROSSO E NERO”**

AL - Intense nose, rather modern with notes of dark ripe fruit, blackberry, oak and leather, the palate offers concentrated fruit and rather intense extraction, it tastes quite bitter at present with some oaky notes and a long finish, not in perfect balance right now, should improve from ageing. **82**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. In the nose quite mineral, rather discreet fruit. On the palate strong, over extracted tannins, leaving an almost bitter finish. **79**

**78,5 | WEINGUT ANITA & HANS NITTNAUS “PANNOBILE”**

AL - Somewhat flat with over the hill fruit, not clean wood, simple palate short. **78**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with signs of oxidation, slightly ether like, lean on the palate. **79**

**77 | WEINGUT ANITA & RICHARD GOLDENITS “CUVÉE CABERNET SAUVIGNON”**

AL - Jammy fruit and herbal notes, very light with sweet fruit and some vegetal notes, short finish, simple. **79**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Oxidised aromas in the nose, very herbaceous. On the palate lean. **75**

**NEUSIEDLERSEE-HÜGELLAND****90 | WEINGUT KOLLWENTZ “EICHKOGL”**

AL - Very modern and opulent with dark fruity, spicy, leathery and roasted aromas, tight and full structure, rather broad with black fruit, juicy acidity and polished tannin, good integration of wood on the taste, rich and long finish. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Roasted aroma on the nose, ripe fruit and a hint of cloves and chocolate. On the palate spicy with sweet fruit and juicy character. **90**

**89,5 | DOMAINE PÖTTELSDORF “ATTACHÉ”**

AL - Very spicy nose with hints of black pepper, clove and red berries, charming, medium bodied palate with intense flavour and charming freshness and a rather long fruity finish, good drinkability. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very spicy and peppery nose with a touch of rather pleasant herbaceous notes. Elderberries in the background. On the palate well balanced with firm tannins and good length. **90**

### 87,5 | WEINGUT FOLLNER “LEIDENSCHAFT PUR”

AL - Clean and fresh nose with hints of stone fruit, chocolate and mild spices, medium bodied and balanced good freshness, the tannins are still on the young side, but juicy and attractive with good length. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Spicy nose and juicy character, but also a touch green. On the palate medium bodied with medium length. 87

### 86 | WEINGUT SOMMER “CAMER”

AL - Oak, vanilla and wild berries on the nose, the palate is medium bodied with spicy fruit, plum and red berries, some herbal notes and a firm tannic backbone, fairly long finish. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Rather opulent nose with oak influence, vanilla and toast. Quite promising in the nose, but potential not kept on the palate. 86

### 85,5 | WEINGUT BIRGIT BRAUNSTEIN & MARTIN PASLER “OXHOFT”

AL - Quite intense and tight with floral and red fruit aromas, the tannins are still young and present, high freshness, juicy red fruit and some herbaceous notes, medium length. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Discreet nose, quite closed. On the palate blackcurrant and mild spices. 87

### 83,5 | WEINGUT FOLLNER “DAS KLEINE GLÜCK”

AL - Red fruit and green herbs on the nose, a lighter example, rather soft with red fruit, high acidity and herbal finish, refreshing and light. 83

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Slightly vegetal, mineral components, lacks fruit, slightly herbaceous. On the palate medium density and length. 84

## NIEDERÖSTERREICH

### 90 | WEINGUT PHILLIP ZULL “SCHRATTENTHAL 9”

AL - Dark fruity and spicy nose with hints of blackberry, white pepper and tobacco, medium to full palate, good freshness and a spicy bite, rather elegant fruit and a good length. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very spicy nose with aromas reminiscent of black pepper, ripe elderberries and cherries. On the palate juicy and well balanced with good length. 91

### 89 | WEINGUT FAM. DOCKNER “SACRA”

AL - A fairly elegant and balanced style that combines red and dark berries, a soft texture and some spicy notes, fairly long and perfectly drinkable. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Opulent aroma reminiscent of log fire, black pepper and ripe blackberries. On the palate well balanced with a hint of red peppers, medium density and good length. 91

### 88,5 | RITTERORDEN “MALTESER KOMMENDE MAILBERG”

AL - Wood, vanilla and spices dominate the nose, the palate is medium to full in concentration, soft tannins, but still with a hint of wood present, balanced acidity and dark fruity character, spicy and long finish, nicely attractive. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Fine spices reminiscent of vanilla, cinnamon, cloves and candied orange peel, smoky with dark berry fruit in the background. On the palate clean, juicy, however not too long. 88

### 88,5 | WEINGUT R. & A. PFAFFL “EXCELLENT”

AL - Nice spicy nose, lightly smoky with notes of wild berries, medium concentration on the palate, fine freshness and young tannins, good length and plenty of character. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe aromas, lovage and celeriac, on the palate juicy with well integrated tannins and good length. 88

### 87 | WEINGUT HARALD FRANK “HANNBUCH”

AL - Slightly smoky nose with hints of vanilla, smoke and wild berries, the palate is medium full with juicy fruit, some creamy notes, vanilla and a medium finish, good drinkability. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean fruit in a riper style. On the palate juicy with well integrated tannins. 89

### 86,5 | WEINGUT FÜRST LIECHTENSTEIN “VERAMO”

AL - More red fruit on nose with herbal and spicy notes, quite restrained and austere with delicate, light fruit together with herbal spiciness and medium finish. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Dark fruit, plums, black cherries, vanilla, cinnamon and white pepper, slightly toasted aroma in the background. On the palate juicy, firm tannins and good length. 89

### 83,5 | WEINGUT AUTRIETH “TRICOLORE”

AL - Quite jammy fruit, hints of fruit jelly and blackcurrant, some herbal notes, the palate is on the lighter side with sweet blackcurrant fruit and a herbal finish. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very intense blackcurrant aroma, «Crème de Cassis», jammy character. On the palate very jammy fruit. A fruit blockbuster, but lacks complexity. 85

## CARNUNTUM

### 90,5 | WEINGUT GERHARD MARKOWITSCH “ROSENBERG”

AL - Gently smoky with dark chocolate, blackberry and pepper, the palate is dense and young still unresolved and monolithic but it shows nice fruit, balanced acidity, integrated tannins and long persistence, should develop more character after 2 more years in the cellar. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Slightly smoky character backed by ripe plums and cherries. On the palate well structured with almost sweet tannins and elegant fruit. 91

### 89,5 | WEINGUT FRANZ & CHRISTINE NETZL “ANNA-CHRISTINA”

AL - Very nice spicy fruit, clear «Austrian» character, medium to full with juicy berry fruit, black pepper and spices, good freshness and a long finish, good drinkability. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Firm but closed structure, demands more time to mature, but with good potential. 90

### 89,5 | WEINGUT MEINRAD MARKOWITSCH “PURPLE X-TREME”

AL - Dark berry and tobacco scented nose, tight, concentrated and youthful palate with an emphasis on fruit, less oak and good spiciness, there is a tannic backbone, but without hard edges, good structure and length, should improve from ageing. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean and well shaped fruit, blackberries and mulberries, a touch of elderberries. Discreet spiciness. On the palate well established fruit, firm tannins and good length. 90

## THERMENREGION

### 90,5 | WEINGUT AUMANN “HARTERBERG”

AL - Quite ambitious nose, new oak, roasted notes, dark berries and spice, the palate is concentrated, but gently extracted, good freshness and spicy dark fruit, good length and a lightly smoky aftertaste with dark chocolate flavours, really attractive. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Smoky nose with slightly pyrotechnical character, plums and blackberries. On the palate well structured with firm tannins and almost juicy fruit. 90

### 90 | WEINGUT AUMANN “BADNERBERG”

AL - Dark, plum and blackberry notes, fresh pepper, clove and liquorice, nicely structured, quite full with dense fruit, but low extraction, good length and balance. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very fine nose with discreet fruit and spiciness, cinnamon and vanilla. On the palate firm tannins, but well balanced. 90

### 89 | WEINGUT LANDAUER-GISPERG “AMPHORE”

AL - Quite discreet wine with hints of wild berries and some smoky notes, the palate is supple and round with a good level of freshness, elegant style and good length. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Almost Rhone style smokiness, well balanced fruit. 89

### 88 | WEINGUT FREIGUT THALLERN “CUVÉE CHANT”

AL - Dark fruity nose, hints of violets, blackberry and leather, the palate is medium full with soft texture, juicy dark fruit and a clean, fairly long finish, attractive and juicy. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue black centre. Intense fruit, blackberries, blackcurrant, but also liquorice and pyrotechnical notes. On the palate youthful with ripe tannins and sweet fruit. 88

### 82,5 | WEINGUT FRED LOIMER “AN DER SÜDBAHN”

AL - The nose is intense and sweet and indicates high ripeness, however the palate is more restrained, light and rather hollow with some vegetal notes and light fruit, short finish. 81

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Fruity, but quite reductive character. On the panel fruity, but not very persistent. 84

### 86 | WEINGUT FREIGUT THALLERN “RESERVE”

AL - Lightly smoky nose with hints of roasted coffee, tobacco and confiture (jam), good structure with young juicy fruit, notes of fresh berries, a firm backbone, high acidity and good length, yet quite and unresolved, but fairly good. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. In the nose quite dense and well structured, smoke and spices, dark fruits. On the palate quite opulent, however tannins firm and slightly drying out in the finish. 85

### 86,5 | WEINGUT SPAETROT-GEBSHUBER “GROSSE RESERVE”

AL - Fresh red berries, herbs and spices, the palate is medium full with an austere structure, chewy tannin and high acidity, decent length, but slightly backward at present. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe character on the nose, blackcurrant and vanilla. On the palate clean and well balanced with juicy character and ripe fruit. 89

### 85,5 | WEINGUT BIEGLER “CABERNET-MERLOT RESERVE”

AL - The nose is spicy and herbal with red and black berries, medium bodied wine with a firm backbone, a hint of bitterness and medium length, should gain roundness from further ageing. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Balmy flavour with hints of vanilla and caramel, black cherries and prunes. On the palate clean and well made with good structure, medium density and length. A touch harsh tannins in the finish. 86

### 85 | SCHLUMBERGER WEIN & SEKTKELLEREI “CUVÉE PRIVATKELLER”

AL - Quite spicy and roasted nose, the palate is medium bodied and slightly backward with present tannin and some green notes on the finish, good fruit yet a touch simple. 83

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Red and green peppers, plummy fruit in the background. On the palate discreet aromas of peppers, medium density and length. 87

### 84,5 | WEINGUT SCHNEIDER “KRÄUTERGARTEN RESERVE”

AL - Sweet blackcurrant, almost jam on the nose, the palate is on the lighter side, soft fruit, almost jammy, yet with some green herbal notes, easy and drinkable, but not complex. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Oak and blackcurrant in combination. On the palate juicy start, but slightly drying out in the finish. 87

### 80,5 | WEINGUT FISCHER CHRISTIAN “PREMIUM”

AL - Rather gamey and wild nose, spicy, medium bodied with spicy fruit and an austere character, quite rustic and old fashioned. 81

MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue and almost black centre. Very gamey nose, lacks fruit. On the palate slightly green with firm tannins. 80

### 76 | WEINGUT STIFT KLOSTERNEUBURG “CHORUS”

AL - Volatile and oxidised nose, quite flat palate, tired fruit, short. 77

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Oxidative nose as well as oxidation on the palate. 75

## STEIERMARK (STYRIA)

### SÜDOSTSTEIERMARK

### 85,5 | WEINGUT NEUMEISTER “CUVÉE DE MERIN”

AL - Aromatically quite closed, the palate is also rather closed and restrained with firm structure, high acidity and decent length. This wine need some more time to open up. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Closed character with hints of pepper and spices and hidden fruit in the background. On the palate medium density and length with slightly dry tannins. 87

### 84 | WEINGUT WINKLER-HERMADEN “HERMADA”

AL - Blackcurrant, herbs and spices on the nose, a medium bodied example with austere tannin and high acidity, somewhat backward with a herbal finish. Medium length. 83

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean but discreet character with slightly harsh tannins in the finish. 85

## WIEN (VIENNA)

### 86,5 | WEINGUT WIENINGER “WIENER TRILOGIE”

AL - Nice and spicy nose, rather sweet fruit character, blackberry, clove and pepper, well balanced palate, medium to full structure with good freshness and a firm backbone, good and juicy fruit, charming and drinkable with fair persistence. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Spicy and slightly fruity with medium length. 84

### 87,5 | WEINGUT CHRIST “MEPHISTO”

AL - Freshly ground pepper, clove and wild berries on the nose, nicely structured with peppery fruit, good freshness, blackberry and cherry flavours, long and lingering, nicely made, still young, but with good potential. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Spicy and slightly fruity with medium length. Sea buckthorn and blackthorn, slightly medicinal character. 84

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### 89,5 | WEINGUT HEINRICH “TERRA O.”

AL - Herbal and spicy with freshly crushed berries, medium to full palate, well rounded with fresh berry fruit, a soft texture and charming length, good drinkability. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue and black centre. Heavy oak influence, pushing the fruit in the background. However potential for a positive evolution. On the palate massive structure, ripe tannins and good length. 90

### 81 | WEINGUT JURIS “INA MERA RESERVE”

AL - Sweet fruit and leafy aromas, medium bodied palate with jammy fruit and herbal notes, rather soft and mellow with a medium finish and spicy aftertaste. 81

MdM - Dark garnet red with almost black centre. Ripe aromas in the nose, slightly overripe on the palate, seems to be tired. 81

## NIEDERÖSTERREICH

### 86 | WEINGUT HIRTL “ONE IN RED”

AL - Attractive and juicy fruit, sweet red fruit character, decent length, somewhat on the lighter side, good drinkability. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Slightly volatile character, mature fruit and oak influence. On the palate balmy, mature and juicy character, good length. 88

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