



# PFAFFL

## ST. LAURENT ALTEN RESERVE 2012

### BACKGROUND

The Pfaffl family's greatest strength is their unity. The family focuses on crafting impeccable wines that reflect authentic Austrian terroir through their depth, minerality, and balance. Everyone plays a fulfilling role in which they can evolve. Roman Josef Pfaffl is the winemaker, and his sister, Heidi Fischer, oversees the commercial side. Father Roman Pfaffl looks after the vineyards and mother Adelheid watches over the newest generation. For close to 40 years, the Pfaffls have been ambassadors for high quality Grüner Veltliner, Riesling, Chardonnay, Zweigelt, and St. Laurent. In just under 20 years, Roman Pfaffl Sr. ambitiously grew a little farm with less than two acres of vines into a nearly 50 acre wine estate, meandering through 10 villages throughout Weinviertel appellation in Niederösterreich (Lower Austria).

Their respect for their family translates into their sustainable vineyard management and wine philosophy. Meticulous canopy management, manual selection of grapes, and sensitivity for the vines' needs allow the Pfaffl's to produce top quality wines year after year. Dedication to this quality has earned Weingut R&A Pfaffl the prestigious honor of being named Wine Enthusiast's "European Winery of the Year 2016," a first for an Austrian winery.

### APPELLATION

Weinviertel, Austria

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% St. Laurent

### TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

Vineyards for the St. Laurent Reserve ALTEN abut forests, providing freshness and monitors temperature variance, which allows the Pfaffl family to pick the grapes late in harvest, furthering complexity in the grapes.

### WINEMAKING & AGEING

Grapes were hand-harvested at the beginning of October. Vinification took place in stainless steel vats, alcoholic fermentation took place at 82°F and maceration took 21 days; Fermented in stainless steel. Aged 18 months in new barrique (70%) and used barrels (30%).

### TASTING NOTES

Berry fruit, florals, herbs and bramble round out the elegant, complex aromas. Wild berry fruit, damson plum, and herbal spice back this powerful and concentrated wine. Excellent with game dishes or braised beef.

### WINEMAKER

Roman Josef Pfaffl

### TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol  
13%

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R&A  
AUSTRIA



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