



PFAFFL

ZWEIFELT BURG 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% Zweigelt

TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

Grapes for the Zweigelt Reserve BURG grows around the famous Kreuzenstein Castle. Only select, very ripe grapes are selected for the this deep, muscular Zweigelt.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-harvested mid-October. Vinification took place in stainless steel vats, alcoholic fermentation took place at 82°F and maceration took 21 days.

AGEING

The wine is aged 18 months in new and used barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Dark ruby red with a dense color. Ripe dark cherries and sour cherries with spice. Soft, velvety tannins and beautifully integrated oak. Ideal companion with game and roasts.

WINEMAKER

Roman Josef Pfaffl

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
13.5%

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93 WINE ENTHUSIAST
POINTS March 2019

90 PTS WINE ADVOCATE 12/15

