

THE SOURCE

Weszeli

2018 Grüner Veltliner, "Schenkenbichl"

Varietal(s)	Grüner Veltliner
Region	Kamptal, Austria
Short Summary	Davis Weszeli purchased top Kamptal vineyards in 2011 and was joined in 2015 by German-born winemaker, Thomas Ganser. Their vision for long cellar-aged wines and their farming is certified organic since 2020 and biodynamic conversion started in 2019. The climate is a tug-of-war between cold north winds and the eastern warm Pannonian winds. The soil and rock types are metamorphic, igneous and sedimentary.
Terroir	The expanse of nearly 4000 hectares of vines in Lower Austria's Kamptal wine region follows a final north to south segment of the Kamp River before it joins the Danube not too far down stream. Here there is an immense variation of soil and bedrock types and microclimates. However, what all vineyards in the Kamptal have in common (as does much of the winegrowing regions in Lower Austria, or Niederösterreich) is the tug of war between the warm Pannonian winds from the east and the Waldviertel cool air that comes in from the northwest. Schekenbichl is located just west of Langenlois on a parallel hill to Steinmassl and in the path of heavy winds. The soils are deep and face south on with the vines next to stone wall terraces which increase the sun's impact.
Cellar Notes	Weszeli remains flexible in order to work around their philosophical ideas that may not match with the needs of each vintage. Generally, each vineyard is picked three times: the first grapes are used for entry-level wines or sparkling base, the second for blending options used for entry-level wines and the last (best) are kept for the Erste Lage and Purus wines. Once the grapes for the Erste Lage are picked they are whole bunch macerated between 6-18 hours—longer in cooler years, shorter in hotter ones. The first sulfite addition is usually made after the 2-3 month spontaneous alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel is completed. Malolactic fermentation may happen (if there is no addition of sulfite for a good length of time, which allows for lower sulfite levels), although it's not desired.
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist In 2017 Organic conversion started and in 2019 Biodynamic conversion will begin.
Alcohol %	13-13.5
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High