

THE SOURCE

Weszeli 2015 Riesling, Belle Fleur

Varietal(s)	Riesling
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. Belle Fleur comes from the young vines of the Erste Lage, Seeberg, located north of Langenlois and northwest of Zöbing. It's close to where the river begins to narrow, which brings in even more cold air than further south.
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 sold, the second are used for entry-level wines and the last (best) are kept for the Erste Lage and Purus wines. This selection of young vine grapes are directly pressed and begin fermentation with selected neutral yeast. Once the sugar level reaches the right balance with the acidity (of course this balance is different with each vintage) the wine is chilled to 0C to stop the fermentation and racked then racked off the lees into another stainless tank for aging and the first sulfite addition is made. No malolactic fermentation.
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist In 2017 Organic conversion began and in 2019 Biodynamic conversion will start as well.
Alcohol %	8.0-9.0
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High