

# Blaufrankisch Grosshoflein Esterhazy 2020



## Region

Despite the country's image as the producer of some of the world's finest white wines, Austria is also home to a thriving red wine culture. Burgenland, south-east of Vienna, with its sunny, continental summers, is the country's key red wine region, with its wines based mainly on the Blaufränkisch and Zweigelt grape varieties. The region occupies a narrow strip of land that runs from the Danube River down to Steiermark in the south. On its eastern side is the border with Hungary, and to the west lies the most eastern foothills of the Alps. Burgenland's Lake Neusiedl (Neusiedlersee) is one of the viticultural focus points, tempering the climate of the hot continental region.

## Producer

The Esterhazy family have been producing wine in the Burgenland for over 300 years. The historical winery was in cellars under the palace in Eisenstadt, but in 2006 a new, high-tech winery was opened at Trausdorf. The Estate now holds 65 hectares spread over the hills near Eisenstadt heading down towards Lake Neusiedlersee. These sites were chosen specifically for their geological structure with rich mineral soil types. With further plantings have come strict reforestry programmes to ensure no environmental impact. Since 2006 Esterhazy have been moving towards more modern and environmentally friendly viticulture, practicing organic farming with certification from the 2023 harvest onwards.

## Tasting Notes

Handpicked from the Grosshoflein single vineyard composed of rich black clay topsoils with fossilised limestone beneath. This Blaufrankisch spontaneously ferments in large 5500L open top wooden fermenters. This is followed by 12 months of maturation in 500l second use barrels and a further year in bottle. This is an elegant wine with a delicate floral aroma of violets followed by sour cherries, blackberries, and perfumed spices. The palate is smooth and complex with velvety, supple tannins and the animating acidity and minerality lends to a long fresh finish.

## Food

A fruit driven rich Blaufrankish which will stand up to game or beef paired with

### Technical Information

Country	Austria	Dry/Sweet Style	Bone dry
Region	Burgenland	Alcohol Content	13.5%
Grape(s)	Blaufrankisch (100%)	Closure Style	Screw cap
Type	Red	Organic/Biodynamic	In conversion-organic
Style	Smooth	Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Oaked Style	Oaked	Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes
Body Style	Medium bodied		
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices		



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