

LEOPOLD KLAGER

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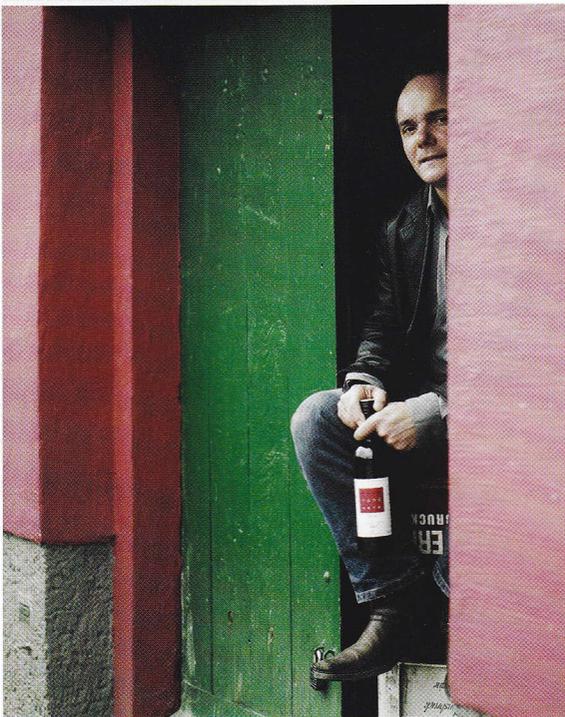
The quaint Heurige wine tavern in the middle of Stammersdorf is a legend. Year after year the vintner and landlord Leopold Klager tries to bring out the individuality of the specific grape variety and *terroir*. As a founding member of the vintners' association Vienna Classic, Klager is especially sensitive to the quality of his wines and cultivates his grapes in accordance with integrated and controlled organic production methods. His speciality is a white sparkling wine made from Zweigelt grapes.

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HERBS AND OTHER EXPERIMENTS

Martin Strobl is a photographer by training but has given up his profession to focus on what formerly was only a hobby: wine and herbs, sometimes in combination. Born in South Tirol, Strobl was only 16 when he developed a taste for high-quality wine. He started visiting wine fairs and from 1997 to 2000 attended the Wine Academy. In 2002 – together with two friends – he leased two rows of vines from Irene Langes, who herself has been on the wine-lovers' radar for some time. Strobl's 2002 Grüner Veltliner was good enough to fuel his ambition, and he leased a small hut-cum-cellar where he vinifies his grapes. That is where he sells his wine and exquisite nibbles on sunny weekends. His Grüner Veltliner is vinified in a light, a ripe and – vintage permitting – a barrel-aged variety, and his basic red wine is the Blauburger (a cross between Blauer Portugieser and Blaufränkisch). He loves to experiment and once tried his hand at a sherry-style white wine. His herbal schnapps has been a success, his first gin will soon be



ready, and his most recent project is a herbal wine: "A tricky business, because there are no recipes, and a lot of it is trial and error."

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TIROL MEETS VIENNA

Born in Tirol, Norbert Walter has always been fascinated by agriculture and its products. Moving to Vienna in 1989 radically changed his life. In 2004 he was finally able to make his dream come true, leasing his own vineyards on the Nussberg in Sievering and in Oberlaa. A year later he harvested his first Riesling and has since added Grüner Veltliner, Chardonnay, Gemischter Satz and Zweigelt. Working with nature and taking the utmost care in harvesting the grapes are extremely important to Walter. His friend Fritz Wieninger finishes the wines in his cellar, and they make a congenial pair. Walter's fondest dream came true when he opened his own *Buschenschank* wine tavern, where he serves Tirolean titbits.

