

VieVinum 2018 – Supporting Programme

Exploration tours through top vineyards and well-kept wine archives

The registration countdown is on. The supporting programme for VieVinum 2018 will be providing deep insights into famous winegrowing regions, top vineyards and precious, aged treasures in the bottle. Also, emerging wine regions and winegrower groups from Austria and its neighboring countries are sending strong signals. A variety of tastings will be held by the winemakers themselves as well as by international greats in the wine branch, including Pepi Schuller MW, Anne Kriebel MW, Raimonds Tomsons (Best Sommelier in Europe and Africa), Stephan Reinhardt (The Wine Advocate) and Sascha Speicher (Meininger Verlag).

Enigmatic – and the Wink of an Eye

At VieVinum 2018, the *respekt-Biodyn* group of winemakers will begin the programme with a wine from each of the 22 member wineries being presented (9 June, 11:30 a.m.). Enigmatic indeed will be the tasting by Wachau winemakers with the question: "The old Wachau?" - especially because they will be offering a four-decade retrospective of their wine history (9 June, 12:30 p.m.). On the other hand, the approach of the *Junge Wilde Winzer* (young, wild winemakers) who, with a wink of an eye, can be assessed as they seek to answer through their commented tasting whether it is they or their wines that have matured better (9 June, 3 p.m.). The search for answers is also possible when the winegrowers of the Leithaberg region ask "A Question of Vineyard Location" while they present their diverse range of character-rich white and red wines (9 June, 4:45 p.m.). Meanwhile, fans of Pinot Noir from around the world can look forward to the tasting by the Institute of Masters of Wine (IMW) dedicated to "The world's greatest Pinot Noir outside Burgundy" (9 June, 4 p.m.).

New Acquaintances, Old Rivals

Another exciting highlight is the remarkable character of the Weinviertel region: a comparative tasting between international big wines from Piedmont and Burgundy with Weinviertel DAC Reserve wines will be held (10 June, 11 a.m.). Also, wines from the grape varieties Rotgipfler, Zierfandler, St. Laurent and Pinot Noir from the Thermenregion are internationally known and appreciated; now there will be an opportunity to get to know these indigenous wines more closely as they reflect a history that goes back to the 12th century (10 June, 12 p.m.). And then, sparkling wines will be the focus of the "Battle of the Sekts – Austria vs. Germany". The team bosses and "old rivals", Dr. Walter Kutscher (Austria) and Rudi Knoll (Germany), have personally selected 11 top sparklers for this exciting match! (10 June, 4 p.m.).

Towards the South

With a vertical tasting going back to the 2003 vintage, the Austrian Sekt Committee will be making an important statement about ageing potential (11 June, 10:30 a.m.). And the winegrowers of Styria, in southern Austria, will be venturing a “View into the Depths” of the region’s terroir, showing the character of Sauvignon Blanc through the different soil types in which it is planted (11 June, 11:45 a.m.). VieVinum's 20th anniversary is the occasion for winemakers from Austria’s Mittelburgenland region to take a look back at the 1997 vintage; they will be opening up special gems from their own private vinothèques. Heading further south: Southeastern Europe is one of the new, exciting hot spots of the global wine industry. And this will be highlighted at VieVinum with two commented tastings. From Croatia and Slovenia - including Istria, which stretches across both borders – wines primarily from varieties Malvazija, Graševina, Teran and Refosco will be presented (10 June, 1 p.m.). And finally, from Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Macedonia and Montenegro, signature wines and rare indigenous grape varieties will take their bow on the VieVinum stage (11 June, 3:30 p.m.).

Key Details for the Supporting Programme

Registration deadline for the supporting programme: 4 June 2018

Online overview: www.vievinum.at/besucher/rahmenprogramm

Key Details for VieVinum 2018

Location: Hofburg Palace, Vienna; Heldenplatz entrance

Dates: Saturday, 9 June, to Monday, 11 June, 2018

Opening times:

Saturday to Monday, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Trade & Media: Saturday to Monday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Entrance:

Pre-sale tickets: € 45,- www.vievinum.at/tickets

Trade visitors with accreditation: € 35,- www.vievinum.at/fachbesucher

Day ticket € 55,-

3-day inclusive ticket € 100,-

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