

# Burgenland: Neusiedlersee



**Size & Location:** 8,300 ha/ 20,500 acres.

Vineyards are located around the sandy marshes of the shallow lake of Neusiedl and the Hungarian border.

**Important Villages:** Jois, Neusiedl, Weiden, Gols, Monchhof, Apetlon, Neusiedl, Podersdorf, Frauenkirchen, Halbturn, Illmitz and Andau.

**Soil Types:** Haideboden & Seewinkel - sandy, rich soils.

**Varietals & Style:** Welschriesling is the leading white varietal. Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc), Chardonnay, as well as other aromatic varieties are popular as well. TBAs and BAs do well b/c of the conditions produced by the lake. Strohwein and Eiswein are local specialties. Zweigelt is the most common black variety. Other black varieties include Blaufränkisch, St. Laurent and Blauburgunder (Pinot Noir) as well as newly added international varieties.

**Climate:** Pannonian climate, hot, dry summers and cold winters with high humidity and Autumn fog. Aids in bringing about Botrytis cinerea, which forms the basis of top quality wines such as *Beerenauslese (BA)* and *Trockenbeerenauslese (TBA)*.

## Important Facts

- **Neusiedlersee** - means “Lake Neusiedlersee.” The entire lake is only around 2 meters deep. The shallow lake provides a factor, unlike any other place in the world, for producing botrytis.
- **Pannobile Association** - “Every year, each Pannobile winery produces one red and one white wine that will bear the Pannobile label. These wines are produced from the wineries’ own vineyards; the grapes must be of mainly indigenous varieties – at least 85% - and of high physiological ripeness, as well as from vines that have undergone intense yield reduction. Finally, the wines must be carefully matured in barriques.”<sup>6</sup>
- **Producers of Note:** Kracher-great sweet wines, Umathum, Velich, Michlits-organic, Willi Opitz, Pokl, Schloss Halbturn, and Steigglmar.