

Steiermark / Styria: Weststeiermark



Size & Location: 550 ha/1,353 acres.

Weststeiermark=Western Styria. Austria's smallest wine district. Slovenia borders the southern part of the district.

Important Villages: Stainz, Ligist, Greisdorf, Gundersdorf, Wildbach, Wies, Deutschlandsberg and Eibiswald.

Soil Types: predominately gneiss and shale on steep slopes that are 600 meters above sea level.

Varietals & Style: Known for its local specialty of Schilcher Rose made from Blauer Wildbacher. Tannic-driven reds are also made from Wildbacher as well as small amounts of Sauvignon Blanc (Muskat-Silvaner).

Climate: Continental Climate mixed with Mediterranean climate with high levels of precipitation.

Important Facts

- 400 ha out of the total 550 ha are dedicated to the Blauer Wildbacher variety which makes the local favorite Schilcher Rose.
- 100% Blauer Wildbacher grapes are cultivated in Steirerland and labeled **Schilcher**.
- Schilcher is also made as a fruity aperitif and a sweet wine
- **Producers of Note:** Müller vlg. Krasshoisl , Garber, Kremser-Greitbauer.