

The success story of the Leo Hillinger wine-growing estate...

With a 90+ hectare area under cultivation in Austria, the Hillinger wine-growing estate is one of the largest high-quality wine producers in Austria. Since Leo Hillinger took over his father's small wine business in 1990, he has created a model Austrian business by instigating intelligent structural reforms and buying good locations around Jois and Rust. His "passionate" commitment has now paid off in more ways than one.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF LEO HILLINGER

If the grape material is top quality, less must be done in the cellar. After many years of experience and numerous experiments I know: The fruit must be perfect and should reach the bottle not having been tampered with."

The wines – especially the top-quality cuvées Hill 1, Hill 2 and Hill 3 – regularly receive awards both inside and outside Austria (Falstaff, Gault Millau, Parker, Mundus Vini, Wine Spectator, Decanter, Wine and Spirits, etc.). Overall, the wines convince with their pleasant fruitiness, powerful body and high development potential.

With innovative products such as the HILL Secco sparkling wine and the Small HILL range (red, white, rosé, sweet), Hillinger has also succeeded in appealing to new, young consumer groups.

More than 50 percent of total production is already exported to a total of 19 countries, Switzerland, the USA and to the Far East and other East European countries.

WINES & PRODUCTION

The top quality of the wines is guaranteed by the synthesis of close-to-nature vineyard work with state-of-the-art cellar technology. Hillinger has relied on organic wine cultivation since 2010. The high density of the wines is created by consistent work in the vineyard. An average of 4,000 – 5,000 kilograms of grapes are harvested per hectare, which equals approximately 1.5 to 2 kilograms of grapes per vine. Vineyard areas in different locations and with different soils - from black soil to brown soil to clay and slate - allow multi-layered wines to be created.

The wine-growing estate of Hillinger covers 30 hectares in Rust, 30 hectares in Oggau and 30 hectares in Jois. The white wines cultivated are Welschriesling, Grüner Veltliner, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay and Gelber Muskateller, the red wines are Blaufränkisch, Zweigelt, St. Laurent, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah.

