





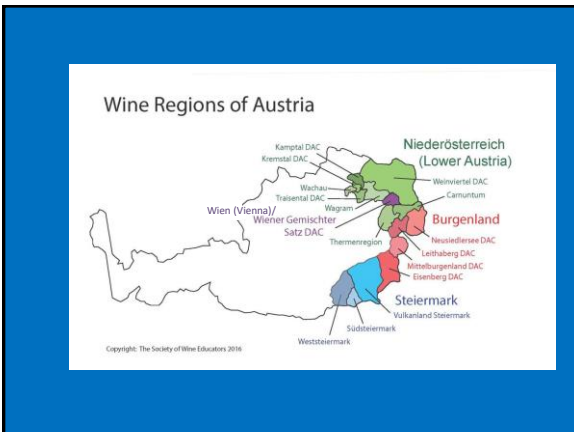
Our Agenda

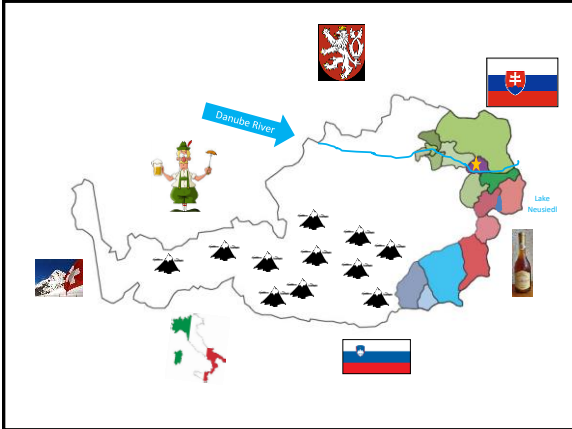
- Austria: Terroir and Geography
- Wine Laws of Austria
- Grüner Veltliner taste-along
-  **5 minute break!**
- The Wines of Wachau
- PDO Apricots and PGI Brandy
- All that Sparkles: Austrian Sekt
- Zweigelt taste-along
-  **5 minute break!**
- The Kamptal, Kremstal, and Traisental DACs
- Neusiedlersee DAC
- Ruster Ausbruch

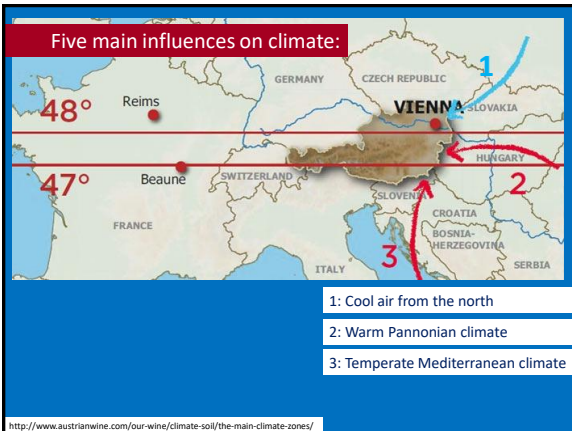




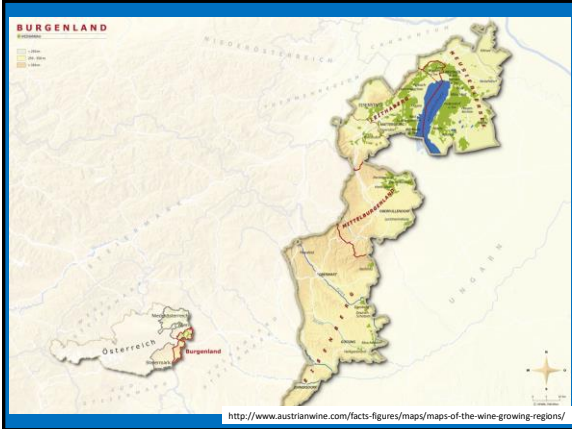


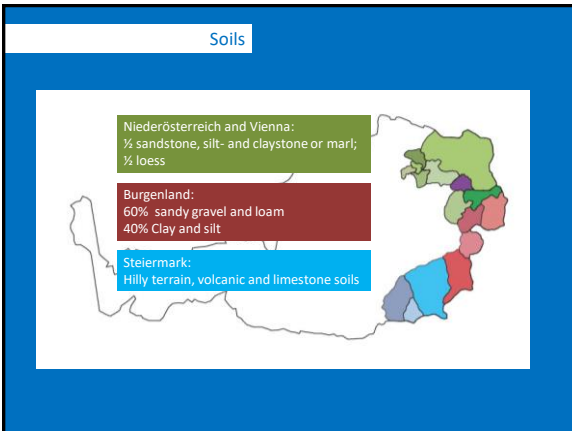












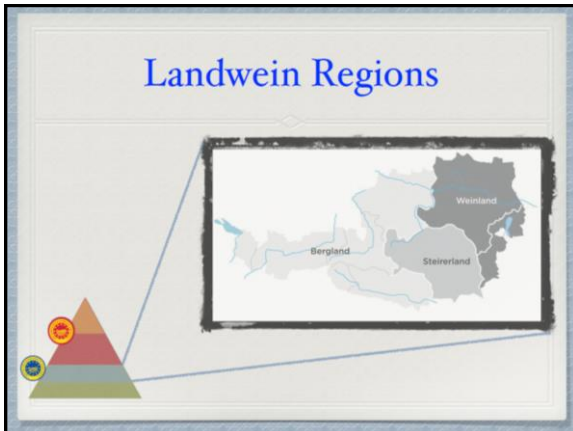






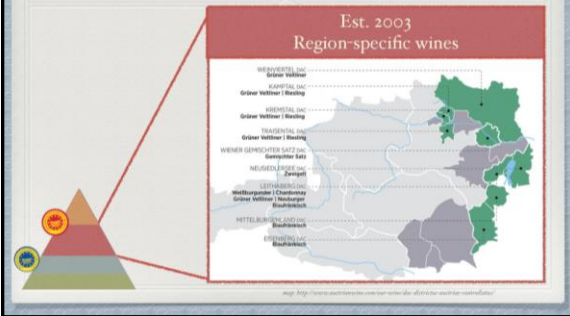








Districtus Austriae Controllatus (DAC)



Prädikatswein



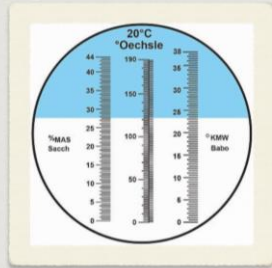
Pop Quiz

- Q: What's this thing called, and what is it used for?
- A:



A quick detour Klosterneuberg Must Weight (KMW) Scale

- $1^\circ \text{KMW} = 5^\circ \text{Oechsle}$
- $1^\circ \text{KMW} = 1.2^\circ \text{Brix}$



Back to the Wine Laws

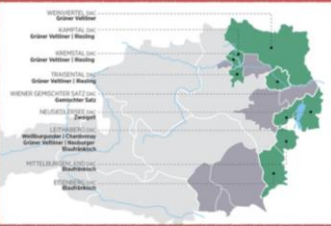
- Associations
 - *Vinea Wachau*
 - *Traditionsweingüter Österreich*
 - *Erste Lage*
 - *Sekt*
 - Separate Quality Pyramid



Photo: <http://www.vinea-wachau.at/>

Districtus Austriae Controllatus (DAC)


Est. 2003
Region-specific wines



map: <http://www.gewiss.at/regionen/wachau/wachau-dac>

Districtus Austriae Controllatus (DAC)

- Classified regions
- Specified styles
- Prescribed grape varieties
- Quality levels (except *Gemischter Satz*)
 - Klassik
 - lower abv
 - less aging
 - Reserve
 - higher abv
 - detectable oak, botrytis
- Labels can mention vineyard



DAC Overview

DAC	1st Vintage	Grapes	Styles (min abv)
Weinviertel	2002	Grüner Veltliner	Klassik (12%) Reserve (13%)
Traisental	2006	Grüner Veltliner, Riesling	Klassik (11.5%) Klassik + municipality (12%) Klassik + municipality + vineyard (12.5%) Reserve (13%)
Kremstal	2002	Grüner Veltliner, Riesling	Klassik (12%) Klassik + municipality (12%) Klassik + municipality + vineyard (12.5%) Reserve (13%)
Kamptal	2008	Grüner Veltliner, Riesling	Klassik (11.5%) Klassik + municipality (12%) Klassik + municipality + vineyard (12.5%) Reserve (13%)

DAC Overview

DAC	1st Vintage	Grapes	Styles (min - max abv)
Neusiedlersee	2011	Zweigelt	Klassik (12%) Reserve (13%)
Leithaberg	2008 (R) 2009 (W)	Grüner, Riesling, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Neuberger, Blaufränkisch, St. Laurent, Zweigelt, Pinot Noir	All: Min 12.5%, Max 13.5% Red: max 2.5% RS
Mittelburgenland	2005	Blaufränkisch	Klassik (12.5 - 13%) Klassik single vineyard (13 - 13.5%) Reserve (13%)
Eisenberg	2008 (R) 2009 (K)	Blaufränkisch	Klassik (12%) Reserve (13%)

DAC Overview

DAC	1st Vintage	Grapes	Styles (min - max abv)
Gemischter Satz	2013	Field Blend (3 or more varieties, harvested & pressed together) Max 50% of single grape variety; Min 10% of 3rd most used grape variety	No single vineyard (12.5%) With single vineyard (12.5%)





Grüner Veltliner: the Grape

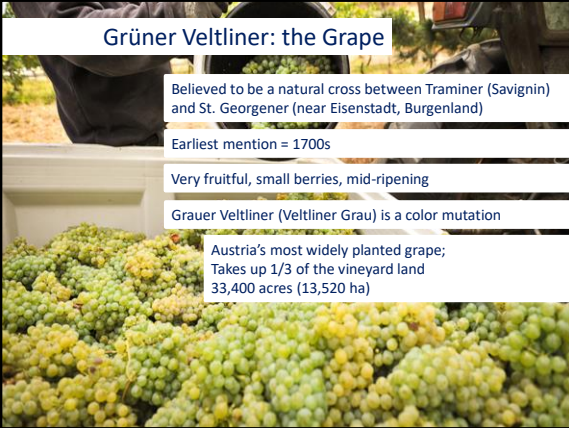
Believed to be a natural cross between Traminer (Savignin) and St. Georgener (near Eisenstadt, Burgenland)

Earliest mention = 1700s

Very fruitful, small berries, mid-ripening

Grauer Veltliner (Veltliner Grau) is a color mutation

Austria's most widely planted grape;
Takes up 1/3 of the vineyard land
33,400 acres (13,520 ha)



Grüner Veltliner: the Wine

Most distinct aromas:
white pepper, green apple, citrus

Riper versions: peach, melon

Lighter versions: green grass, herbaceous

Some may show: minerality, "wet stone" aroma

Typically dry (although dessert versions exist)

Excellent, zingy acidity




Photo: <https://austrianwineusa.com>

Here are my tasting notes for Grüner Veltliner:

- E & M Berger Grüner Veltliner, Lower Austria, 2015
- 12% abv
- 100% Grüner Veltliner
- Aromas of citrus (lemon zest, lime), white pepper, peach, mineral
- Fresh, crisp acidity
- Interesting "vegetal" flavors in addition to the fruit and mineral
- Long, pleasant (fruity-lemon zest) finish

