



Zweigelt

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Blauer Zweigelt

Synonyme: Zweigelt, Rotburger

The Origin

The blue Zweigelt was bred by Dr. Fritz Zweigelt at the federal higher institute for viticulture and pomiculture Klosterneuburg in 1922. It is a crossing of the types of red wine St. Laurent and Blaufränkisch.

The character of the vine

The vine of the Zweigelt needs nutritious soil and is resistant against drought and frost. The physiological maturity is middle at this variety, so harvest time is from the end of September until mid-October.

The wine

The wine shows mostly a strong, ruby color. As a young wine, the Zweigelt has a distinctly fruity bouquet, which gets more harmonious with maturity. His taste is full-bodied, velvet and mild and is reminiscent of berry fruit, cherry and sour cherries. As the most important Austrian red wine, the qualities of the blue Zweigelt reach from young, easy drinkable dinner wines to powerful storage wines. It suits superb as a cuvée partner with international wines like Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.