

# Weingut JURIS

„JURIS“ is also the name for the family estate Stiegelmar in Gols, for a more precise name and for elimination of future confusion. Axel Stiegelmar has gained practical experience in Germany, Bordeaux and California. Axel Stiegelmar and his father has led the winery to the highest level of Austrian estates. Two aspects are responsible for this: One of them is the consistency and strength in all wine categories, offering regularly high quality with dry white wines, highly profiled red wines and sweet wines. On the otherhand, Georg Stiegelmar has understood to draw attention from foreign experts and trade publications with „uncountable“ awards against tough international competition. Highlight of the international rewards was the presentation of the „Robert Mondavi World Wine Trophy“ for the winemaker of the year, which was presented for the overall winemaking by the „International Wine & Spirit Competition“ in London. Equally worth mentioning is that out of six submitted Stiegelmar examples, four achieved the note „excellent“ by the Institute of Masters of Wine, which will be displayed on the labels of outstanding wines in the future.

The motto in the vineyards at JURIS is „back to the nature“. The principles of integrated viticulture have materialised. A conscious yield limitation was necessary anyway, in order to achieve the desired wines with rich extracts. For years, special care has been taken in selecting the appropriate variety and stock at new vineyard plantings, with regard to conditions of soil and location. Barrel ageing has been practised already since 1983 with red wines and 1985 with some white wines. The winery is strictly working with the gravity system to transport grapes, juice and wine. That leads to more complex and elegant wines, better balance and helps to keep the native quality of the region around lake Neusiedlersee.

The red assortment consists of Zweigelt, St. Laurent, Pinot noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot Cuvée „St. Georg“, a blend of St. Laurent and Pinot noir, and the Cuvée „Inámera“, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Blaufränkisch and Merlot, which are matured in barrels, like the other premium wines. TRICATA, special wine with heavy flavour and extract. In summary, the red wines of Stiegelmar are now smoother and rounder than in the past. With sufficient power and finesse, they reach a level where the international experience of Axel Stiegelmar is recognisable.

Among the diverse white wines, especially worth mentioning are the Sauvignon blanc, the Chardonnay in its different variations.

In the sweet wine category, one finds in addition to the typical high premium Prädikats-wines, in years with botrytis also the production of straw wine, in remembrance of a former tradition. The skilfully vinified straw wines of Georg Stiegelmar have contributed, that this wine category has been included in the wine law. The use of the Tokai method can also be considered as a revival of the old „wine traditions“. In three steps, Stiegelmar produces Essencia, Ausbruch and finally Maszlasch. Strohwein „Strawwine“ a speciality of desertwine. Relatively new in the programm are Sekt, bottle fermented. Fine marcs are additional products of JURIS.

**Significant awards:** numerous awards at international competition, for example presentation of the „Robert Mondavi World Wine Trophy“ for the winemaker of the year; grading of „excellent“ by the Institute of Masters of Wine; the Austrian Red Trophy by the Wine Challenge and many other international successes.

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