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Weinviertel wines break records at the SALON once again

Weinviertel wines continue their winning streak again at this year's "toughest wine competition in the country". 54 of Austria's 270 best wines come from the Weinviertel. As in 2017, no less than six Weinviertel wines are champions of their categories.

The SALON Austrian Wine Awards is the national championship of domestic wines, based on the several thousand wines of the country's state wine awards. The best of these wines are entered into the final SALON blind tasting, which is evaluated over several days by a qualified tasting jury. The 17 SALON champions are chosen from this select circle, six of which come from the Weinviertel this year. Weinviertel wines won in the coveted categories Welschriesling, Riesling, fruit-sweet wines, fresh-fruity red wines and Zweigelt. Particularly pleasing for the Weinviertel is the victory in the Grüner Veltliner classic category with a Weinviertel DAC.

Winning streak continues

"More than a third of all the Austrian champions are from the Weinviertel. This is remarkable proof of the high quality of Weinviertel wines", states Hans Setzer, Chairman of the Regional Wine Committee Weinviertel. Weinviertel wineries have also achieved above-average results in this and other competitions in previous years. "With 54 wines and six champions, the Weinviertel is among the best performers in the SALON Austrian Wine Awards 2020 and confirms the region's quality and successful marketing strategy," says Setzer. Due to their unique expression and high quality, Weinviertel wines are found on the wine lists of top restaurants at home and abroad. The demand for the Weinviertel's premium wine category is particularly on the rise and it is this category that was especially successful at the SALON Austrian Wine Awards 2020.

These are the six SALON Austrian Wine Awards 2020 champions from the Weinviertel:

Category	Wine and Winery
<i>Welschriesling</i>	Welschriesling Ried Reintal 2019 Weingut Wagner, Prottes, www.wagner-weine.at
<i>Grüner Veltliner classic</i>	WEINVIERTEL DAC Ried Mühlberg 2019 Weingut Hinteregger, Sitzendorf an der Schmida www.weingut-hinteregger.at
<i>Riesling</i>	Riesling Ried Rittsteig 2019 Weingut Frischauf, Röschitz, www.frischauf-wein.at
<i>Fresh-fruity red wine</i>	Sunset 2019 (blend) Weingut Urban, Wullersdorf, www.weingut-urban.at
<i>Zweigelt</i>	Zweigelt Limited 2015 Grande Reserve Weingut Leo und Dagmar Wunderer, Oberfellabrunn www.wein-leo-dagmar-wunderer.at
<i>Fruit-sweet wines</i>	Fräulein Frischauf Weissburgunder 2019 (Pinot Blanc)

Weingut Frischauf, Röschitz, www.frischauf-wein.at

Find more information about SALON Austrian Wine Awards 2020 under
<https://www.austrianwine.com/salon-2020>

Photo caption: The six Weinviertel SALON Champions with AWMB managing director Chris Yorke und Wine Queen Diana I (from left to right: Andreas Urban, Michael Wagner, Diana I, Chris Yorke, Franz Hinteregger, Sonja und Ernst Frischauf, Dagmar and Leo Wunderer)

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