



# JURTSCHITSCH

## Kamptal, Austria

Weingut Jurtschitsch is one of the most prominent wineries in Austria. Having previously been run by the three brothers Edwin, Paul and Karl Jurtschitsch, the family-owned winery has now been in the hands of Alwin Jurtschitsch and his wife, Stefanie Hasselbach (of Gunderloch fame in the Rheinhessen) for more than ten years.

Alwin and Stef are leaders of the natural wine movement in the Kamptal. It's unique because they happen to have the oldest winery in the area, dating back to the sixteenth century. When Alwin and Stef started working in 2006, they insisted with Alwin's father and uncles on converting all the vineyards to organic viticulture. In the vineyards, they are continually improving how they work: replanting more densely, using whey to treat for mildew instead of using copper sulphate, and working with new pruning methods. All the vineyards are certified organic and protecting biodiversity has always been a priority.

Jurtschitsch aims for a classic style of Kamptal wines, but more like an old-style of classic, that was made by their grandparents. This means, emphasizing the cool climate of Austria and making wines with finesse that strike a balance of ripe fruit and fresh acidity. Stefanie Jurtschitsch manages the winemaking and she is making wines which let the vineyards and soils speak for themselves. They only use spontaneous fermentations and work without any additions, aside from minimal sulfur. The entry-level wines are made in stainless steel, but all the single vineyard Erste Lagen wines are aged in large oak foudres.

### Score

*"A wine of dramatic contrasts with so much stony character, but also considerable richness, including a hint of butter-cream from malolactic fermentation. If you like that tension then all is cool, but for us the wine has so much to give, but is pulling in multiple directions simultaneously. The rather tannic finish is a bit one-sided. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."*

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### Grüner Veltliner Loiserberg Erste Lage 12/750ml

- Loiserberg, a terraced Erste Lage (Premiere Cru classified) vineyard with a southeast exposure, is their highest and coolest vineyard site, at 400m above sea-level. The vines here are over 30 years old, and the soils are composed of glimmer slate, with a little loess on top. The cold winds from the northwest chill down this hill as soon the sun goes down, so the fine fruit aromas in the berries are preserved. The combination of microclimate and soil creates a wine with a crystalline structure and pure fruit. The grapes are harvested according to taste, not by analysis; it is only a short time between not-yet-ripe and overripe maturity. If the grapes are too ripe, the minerality is lost.
- 100% spontaneous fermentation in 2000L barrels (local oak, old barrels); 6 months on full lees before bottling. All single vineyard wines are 100% botrytis free.

### Technical Specifications

**Product Type:** White Wine

**Varietal:** Grüner Veltliner

**Farming Type:** Organic