



## **Weingüter Retzer Land**

Weingüter Retzer Land is an association of top wineries in the Western Weinviertel. In its core, the association has about 30 members who have devoted themselves to a high wine quality and continuously increase it in the wine-growing region of the Retzer Land.

To guarantee the quality demand of their wines, Weingüter Retzer Land regularly undergo a strict selection process. Internal wine tastings, tastings with recognized wine experts and international prizes are drawn on to determine the best wineries. On many occasions, these wineries then present the region with their wines. The aim is to establish Weingüter Retzer Land as a quality brand and to position it at the top of Austria's wine growers.

### **Terroir**

The great quality demand is also represented in the common logo of the association, the ammonite, a fossil with a spiral pattern. It symbolizes the unique terroir of the region, which was formed by the Eggenburg Sea 20 million years ago. Over the years weathering, alluvial deposits and wind transport caused the formation of different soils: loess, clay, sand and soil over bed rock. They all have a fundamental influence on the character and uniqueness of the Retzer Land wines.

The climate and the geology of the western part of this wine-growing region are strongly marked by the Manhartsberg Hill, and the area profits from the soil over bed rock that gives the wines an unmistakable, mineral basic note. The Pulkautal Valley, for example, is dominated by loess which is perfect for wine growing.

Therefore, this interplay of climate and soil in the Retzer Land is ideal for the production of characteristic and high-quality wines.

Chairman of the association is Mr. Herbert Studeny (Weingut Studeny, Obermarkersdorf), his deputy Mrs. Erika Klein (Weingut Klein, Pernersdorf).

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