

# Austria

## Neusiedlersee and South

### Neusiedlersee-Huggelland

Home to the famous Ruster Ausbruch.

**Topography and Climate:** South-facing slopes of the Leithagebirge are soils of mica schist and chalk. Neusiedlersee lake itself where moderate temperatures, reflection of sunlight and high autumn humidity help create aromatic white wines and very mature red wines. Around Zagersdorf and Pöttelsdorf conditions prevail for red wines, particularly Blaufränkisch. The climate and soils are similar to the neighbouring Mittelburgenland.

**Planted to:** Chardonnay, Sauv Blanc and Pinot Blanc, Blaufrank, Zweigelt and Cab Sauv

**Sweet Wines from:** Pinot Blanc, Welschriesling, Chard

### Mittelburgenland

**Topography and Climate:** Protected from the north, west and south by hills. Dry warm winds from the Pannonian plain flow in. Soils are heavy, deep and absorb and store water well.

**Planted to:** Blaufrank, Zweigelt, Cab, Merlot.

**Major Wine Villages:** Horitschon, Deutschkreutz, Neckenmarkt, and Lutzmannsburg

### Sudburgenland

**Topography and Climate:** Pannonian climate prevails here. Heavy iron-rich loamy soils.

**Planted to:** Blaufrank, Zweigelt, Weiss and Welsch

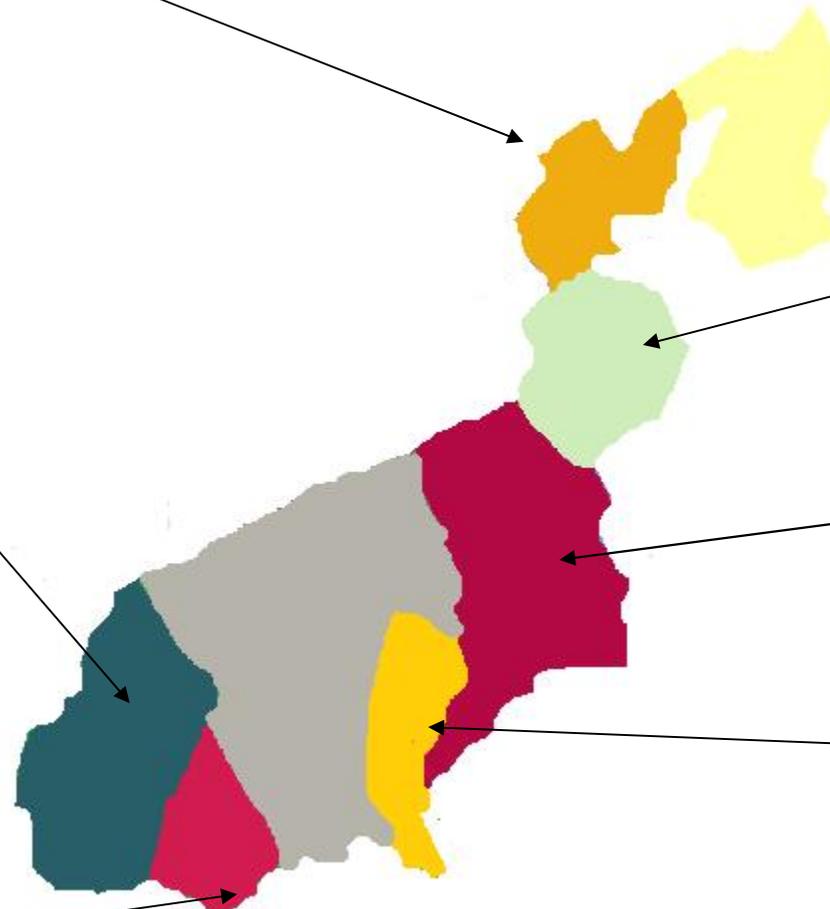
**Major Wine Villages:** Eisenberg, Deutsch-Schützen

### Sudoststerimark

**Topography and Climate:** The weather reflects the contrast between a hot, dry Pannonian climate and humid, warm Mediterranean conditions. Many of the vines grow in warm soils comprising volcanic earth, basalt, sand, clay and weathered stone.

**Planted to:** Weiss, Welsch, Sauv Blanc and Morillon

**Major Wine Villages:** Weiz, Hartberg, Gleisdorf, Fürstenfeld, Feldbach and Kapfenstein



### Neusiedlersee

**Topography and Climate:** Hot, dry summers and cold winters together with the temperature regulating influence of the Neusiedlersee lake, bring about long vegetation periods. High humidity and autumn fog aid in bringing about Botrytis cinerea, which forms the basis of top quality BA and TBA.

**Planted to:** Zweigelt, Blaufränkisch, Pinot Blanc, Welschriesling

**Major Wine Villages:** Gols, Illmitz, Weiden, Mönchhof, Halbturn, Frauenkirchen, Podersdorf,

### Weststeiermark

Controlled appellation of origin for Schilcher. Made from 100% Blauer Wildbacher grapes cultivated in the wine-growing region of Steierland.

**Topography and Climate:** The soil conditions in this area are also unusual, with mainly gneiss and shale. The so-called Illyrian climate combines the influences of southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean, plus relatively high precipitation.

**Planted to:** Blauer Wildbacher, Welschriesling, Pinot Blanc and Zweigelt

**Major wine villages:** Ligist, Stainz, Deutschlandsberg, Schwanberg, Eibiswald, Groß St. Florian, Wies

### Sudsterimark

**Topography and Climate:** Soils are slate, sand, marl and lime. As varied as the grapes in the Südsteiermark are its soils: sandstone, shale, clay and shell limestone. And the warm, humid Mediterranean climate determines the vegetation cycle here: cool nights and warm days.

**Planted to:** Welsch, Sauv Blanc, Pinot Blanc, Morillon

**Major wine villages:** Gamlitz, Ehrenhausen, Spielfeld, Silberberg, Leutschach, Kitzeck