


## Weingut Pichler-Krutzler

Created only in 2006, this is one of the younger estates in the Wachau, but it is not without pedigree. Elisabeth Pichler, the daughter of Franz Xaver and sister of Lucas Pichler, was raised next door. And Erich Krutzler is the brother of Reinhold Krutzler, who is known for his excellent Perwolff in the southern part of Burgenland. Erich honed his winemaking skills with Roland Velich at Moric before coming here, which is why the couple also make Blaufränkisch.

As they are not members of Vinea Wachau, they do not use terminology like Federspiel or Smaragd on their labels, but name their wines only after the vineyards from which they are made. This seems like the logical thing to do, but few other producers have the courage to relinquish that perhaps now outdated nomenclature. As each site here is pure in its expression, their approach was in any case the right choice for this estate. Moreover, I admire the style of these wines, which display enormous depth and mineral extract at moderately low levels of alcohol.

From Austria 2013 (Sep 2015) by Joel B. Payne

	Vintage	(Hover for Commentary) Producer	Name	Tasting Notes	Score	Author	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
2013	Weingut Pichler-Krutzler	<u>Grüner Veltliner Kellerberg</u>	Rich nose displays cantaloupe, orange zest and smoky flint along with roasted, leesy nuances. A pronounced flavor of juicy peach dominates on the palate, where a hint of phenolic sweetness is balanced by stony acidity. Massive (14% alcohol) in both body and structure, this opulent Grüner Veltliner persists impressively on the finish.  -- Joel B. Payne	92	Joel B. Payne	2015 - 2023	\$60.00	Sep 2015	
2013	Weingut Pichler-Krutzler	<u>Grüner Veltliner Supperin</u>	Subtle aromas of juicy pear, wet straw, beef stock, verbena and white pepper. Rich and concentrated, with a brisk acid structure harmoniously balancing the spiciness of the rich melon fruit. Finishing with sweet extract and piquant wild herbs, this Grüner Veltliner is already a pleasure to drink.  -- Joel B. Payne	90	Joel B. Payne	2015 - 2022	\$45.00	Sep 2015	
2013	Weingut Pichler-Krutzler	<u>Riesling Loibenberg</u>	Apricot, pineapple and white peach with subtle hints of acacia blossom on the still yeasty nose. Concentrated and tightly woven, with nicely integrated acidity providing the waxy yellow stone	91+?	Joel B. Payne	2015 - 2023	\$48.00	Sep 2015	

fruit flavors of this massive Riesling with a light touch. A pleasant lime flavor lingers on the delicately sweet finish.

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2013	Weingut Pichler-Krutzler	<u>Riesling Pfaffenberg Alte Reben</u>	Restrained nose exhibits subtle redcurrant, mandarin and flint aromas. Vibrant acidity frames and lifts vineyard peach, apricot skin and quince flavors on the elegant palate. Hints of passion fruit and pineapple linger on the finish, along with a pronounced wet rock quality.	92	Joel B. Payne	2015 - 2025	\$36.00	Sep 2015
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2013	Weingut Pichler-Krutzler	<u>Riesling Kellerberg</u>	Exotic aromas of white peach, lemon oil and mint are complicated by a hint of incense. Elegant apricot fruit shows a suave texture and enough nerve to assure this Riesling of a long life. The wine's herbal extract and salty minerality add complexity on the long, smoky finish.	93	Joel B. Payne	2016 - 2025	\$60.00	Sep 2015
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2012	Weingut Pichler-Krutzler	<u>Blafränkisch Im Weinberg</u>	Dark ruby with violet highlights. Herbal aromas of black cherry, pistachio and woodsmoke, plus a hint of vanillin oak. The dense blackberry fruit shows a faintly roasted quality but is lifted by lively acidity and firmed by slightly austere tannins. Although appearing slightly over-extracted and a bit one-dimensional at present, this wine should age well.	90	Joel B. Payne	2016 - 2025	Not Available	Sep 2015
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