

FOOD AND DRINK



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ON WINE

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Austria's answer to white burgundy

The renowned grapevine plantations in Austria's wine-growing regions are producing an abundance of quality white wine. The most famous is the Riesling, which is produced in the Wachau region.

But the Austrian wine producers have become more and more interested in the other white wine varieties of the country, such as the Grüner Veltliner and the Riesling.

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Five Austrian wines and Grüner Veltliner have become de rigueur on either side of the Atlantic

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The fact that successful Grüner Veltliner production is a delicate balancing act is evident in the 60 or so I tasted

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