

Kim Marcus' Recommended Wines From Austria

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
DESSERT		
KRACHER Welschriesling Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Zwischen den Seen No. 7 2004 Ripe and luscious. Shows impeccable balance, depth and concentration, with ripe apricot, peach and pineapple flavors.	97	\$83 375ml
FEILER-ARTINGER Ruster Ausbruch Burgenland Essenz 2004 Unctuous and nectarlike, with layers of ripe apricot, peach, vanilla and butterscotch flavors that are rich and honeyed.	96	\$58 375ml
KRACHER Chardonnay Trockenbeerenauslese Burgenland Nouvelle Vague No. 9 2004 Elegant and rich, with purity and concentration to the peach, apricot, vanilla and cream flavors. Honeyed and complex.	96	\$87 375ml
HEIDI SCHRÖCK Ruster Ausbruch Burgenland Turner 2004 An intense, spicy, floral aroma leads to lush flavors of butterscotch, peach, honey and golden raisin. Rich and seductive.	95	\$84 375ml
WHITE		
JOSEF JAMEK Riesling Smaragd Trocken Wachau Ried Klaus 2005 Very ripe and lush, with aromas and flavors of fennel, mineral, butterscotch, peach and ripe apple. Turbocharged.	94	\$80
FRANZ HIRTZBERGER Riesling Smaragd Trocken Wachau Spitzer Hochrain 2005 Aromas and flavors of apricot, peach, lentil and white pepper are finely knit in this rich, seductive white. Stylish.	93	\$66
KNOLL Riesling Smaragd Trocken Wachau Loibner Ried Lobenberg 2005 Very rich and ripe, with the texture of angel food cake and loads of mouthwatering peach, dried cherry and berry flavors.	93	\$50
F.X. PICHLER Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Trocken Wachau Loibner Berg 2005 Gorgeous, ripe and rich, with apricot, peach, mineral and spice flavors that are mouthfilling, fresh and powerful.	93	\$57
PRAGER Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Trocken Wachau Weissenkirchen Zwerithaler 2005 Decadent, rich and ripe, with butterscotch, ripe peach, candied apricot and spice flavors. Broad-textured and intense.	93	\$39
PRAGER Riesling Federspiel Trocken Wachau Weissenkirchen Steinriegl 2005 Ripe, full-bodied and succulent, with loads of peach, cherry and berry flavors and plenty of ripe apple and citrus.	92	\$28
RED		
PAUL ACHS Blaufränkisch Qualitätswein Trocken Burgenland Spiegel 2004 A big, rich red, offering loads of dark cherry, blackberry, black currant and spice flavors. Seductive.	92	\$69
WOHLMUTH Qualitätswein Trocken Mittelburgenland Rabenkopf 2003 Intense and powerful. Shows rich blackberry compote, plum pudding and dark cherry, with mineral, smoke and graphite.	92	\$58

TOP WINES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
PAUL ACHS Blaufränkisch Qualitätswein Trocken Burgenland Ungerberg 2004 An elegant, spicy style, with supple flavors of sandalwood, red cherry, raspberry and nutmeg. Well-crafted.	91	\$69
UMATHUM Qualitätswein Trocken Burgenland Frauenkirchner Ried Hallebühl 2004 Luscious and spicy, with brooding dark plum, raspberry and baker's chocolate flavors. Full-bodied and tannic.	91	\$57
WENINGER Qualitätswein Trocken Mittelburgenland Veratina 2003 A refined style, with cherry and currant flavors balanced by mineral, spice and mocha elements. The finish is elegant.	91	\$40

TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
FREIE WEINGÄRTNER WACHAU Riesling Federspiel Trocken Wachau Terrassen Domäne Wachau 2005 Racy and powerful. Offers plenty of green peach, lychee and citrus flavors, with vibrant mineral notes.	91	\$14
SEPP MOSER Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Wolfsgraben 2005 Vibrant and juicy, with loads of grapefruit, green peach, mineral and spice notes. Well-focused and structured.	90	\$13
JOHANN DONABAUM Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Wachau Johann 2005 Offers rich aromas and flavors of apricot, pear, smoke and spice, with a long finish of cream and vanilla.	90	\$14
WINZER KREMS Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Kremser Wachtberg 2005 Rich and full-bodied, offering an array of fruit and spice flavors, with apricot, ripe peach, mango and nutmeg.	90	\$19
SEPP MOSER Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Gebing 2005 Shows a lot of creamy richness and plenty of bright acidity, with fresh flavors of peach, apple pie, vanilla and mineral.	89	\$15
SEPP MOSER Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Von den Terrassen 2005 Shows a rich, spicy aroma, with luscious flavors of peach, cream and blood orange, balanced by crisp acidity.	89	\$19
WINZER KREMS Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Kremstal Ried Sandgrube 2005 This has a fresh appeal, offering peach, lentil and slate-like flavors, with bursts of tangerine.	88	\$10
FREIE WEINGÄRTNER WACHAU Grüner Veltliner Federspiel Trocken Wachau Terrassen Domäne Wachau 2005 Very bright, with a supple mouthfeel and good richness to the grapefruit, orange peel and mineral notes.	87	\$11