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Martin Diwald
Rosé Zweigelt 2016
Wagram, Austria

88 Points

Tart sour cherry and pungent green herbs serve to stimulate the palate in this polished, refreshing, lively performance that, thanks to cherry pit piquancy and marine salinity finishes with enhanced invigoration and mouthwatering saltiness. Like many Austrian growers, Diwald is experiencing a growing market – largely in export – for Rosé, and what represented 3,000 bottles only a few years ago, now amounts to 8,000. This wine makes a strong case not just for Zweigelt’s appropriateness to the genre, but more importantly for the need to groom black grape vines from the beginning with Rosé wine in mind. That means to pick accordingly, which in Diwald’s case involves an attempt to combine ripe clusters with some that are only on the cusp of ripeness, but that will therefore enhance aggregate acidity and thus the finished wine’s natural liveliness and refreshment. (DS)

