



Rotspon Classic 2017

Langenlois

A core of ripe red fruit and leather wrapped in a veil of mint and Brazilian rose pepper comprises a fascinating bouquet. The palate is juicy and intense - the Rotspon definitely has power, but without ever sprawling into the baroque. Nicely textured tannins and vibrant acid build a solid frame for current drinking pleasure and leave room for a long and rosy future.

Background

Have you ever read Thomas Mann's "Buddenbrooks"? They speak of Rotspon, trade Rotspon, and drink Rotspon. The Hanseatic German cities (Lübeck, home of the Buddenbrooks, was one of them) historically purchased red Bordeaux wines in barrels and matured them in their own cellars. The resulting wines were of exceptional quality. Reason enough to revive the term, even if our Rotspon matures in our own cellar.

Cabernet lends structure to Zweigelt and spice meets fruit, power, and elegance. The wine is matured for over 12 months in large wooden casks. Even if the potential does not quite achieve that of great Bordeaux from Mann's Lübeck era, this wine still possesses plenty of finesse, complexity and character.

J FACTS

Grape varieties: 85 % Zweigelt, 10 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 5 % Merlot

Origin: Lower Austria

Soil: Langenloiser loess and primary rock

ABV: 13.0 % vol

Ac: 6.1 ‰

RS: 1.0 g/l

Ageing potential: 2027

