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**Experiencing WINE since 1895!**

**For decades, Silberberg has combined education and wine production at the highest level. Across 35 hectares of vineyards, wines characterized by their origin are produced and marketed. A competent and dynamic team led by cellar master Andreas Lobe, viticulture master Gernot Lorenz, and oenologist Karl Menhart successfully showcases the potential of the South Styrian vineyards and brings it to the bottle.**

**Tradition and Innovation – Hand in Hand**

Silberberg represents wine in all its sophistication and complexity. The combination of a commercial vineyard and educational institution makes Silberberg a unique company. Here, tradition is cherished and innovation embraced. Continuous development and knowledge enable the cultural product of wine to be produced as naturally as possible, following the principle: as much as necessary, but as little as possible.

**Our History – Short and Sweet**

The nursery of Styrian vintners has existed since 1895 and has played a significant role in the success of Styrian wine. After partly difficult times and two world wars, in 1985, the three state estates Silberberg, Kitzeck, and Schlossberg were placed under the administration of Silberberg. This laid the foundation for the Landesweingut Silberberg in its current size. From the 2020 vintage onwards, wine for the Episcopal Wine Cellar Schloss Seggau is also produced in Silberberg.

**Vineyards – From Sausal to Leutschach**

The state winery manages 35 hectares of vineyards, 25 percent of which are farmed biologically - organically at Biogut Meletin in Schlossberg. The vast majority of the vineyards are located in the local wine region of Kitzeck-Sausal, where 10 hectares of vineyards are terraced. This fact makes Silberberg the largest terrace owner in Styria.

**The three state estates:**

**1. Silberberg**

At the Silberberg site, there are 4.5 hectares of vineyards, about two-thirds of which are terraced. The soils are characterized by slate weathering rock and marine limestone deposits in deeper layers. Combined with good exposure, grapes of special ripeness can regularly be harvested here. The Sauvignon Blanc Ried Steinbruch, one of Silberberg's most important wines, comes from these vineyards.

**2. Kitzeck**

The largest portion of the land is the state estate of Kitzeck, with 22 hectares under vines. Typical for the local wine area of Kitzeck - Sausal, one mainly finds soils dominated by slate. As a result, wines from this terroir are not lush but are characterized by tightness and minerality. This is particularly beneficial for Riesling. The Trebien, Steinriegel-Seminar and Annaberg vineyards are located there.

**3. Schlossberg**

The Biogut Meletin is located in the local wine region of Leutschach at Schlossberg. These 8.5 hectares have been managed according to biological - organic guidelines since 1998. Both the soils and the climate differ significantly from the other vineyards of Silberberg. At Schlossberg, one mainly finds calcareous gravel conglomerates with Opok layers. The Meletin vineyard produces textured wines with notes defined by limestone.

At Silberberg, quality is the focus, and innovation is the order of the day. With a dedicated and competent team, a new generation of vintners is being shaped, and wine of the highest quality is produced.

**"Wine is not just a job for the people of Silberberg – it's their calling"**

**– Director Ing. Reinhold Holler**

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