

VORSPANNHOF MAYR

Vorspannhof Mayr is one of the oldest – while at same time one of the newest – wine estates in the Kremstal. The venerable winegrower's dwelling dates from the 15th century and once served not only as a manor house, but also as a horse-changing station, where additional animals could be harnessed to carts & waggons before starting the steep climb up into the Waldviertel District – hence the name of the house: Vorspannhof. The estate did not specialise in viticulture until the 1970s, managed by Anton Mayr, father of current proprietor Silke Mayr. Vineyards in the best Kremstal sites were then acquired with forethought & deliberation, the focus already placed on the quality of the wines.

Silke Mayr has been managing the estate since 2008. She is supported by her mother Brigitta Mayr and the dedicated team of cellarmaster Michael Nastl. In the cellar – constructed in 2006 in the town of Dross – both Vorspannhof Mayr and Weingut Buchegger vinify their wines. After the passing of Walter Buchegger in 2018, Silke has been at the head of both estates. Vorspannhof Mayr has been a member of the winegrowers' association Österreichische Traditionsweingüter since September 2020 and is represented among their »IÖTW Erste Lage« sites with the Grüner Veltliner Kremser Gebting.

Vorspannhof Mayr has fourteen hectares under vines; a great number of their parcels are quite small, spread out among many vineyards around the tradition-blessed 'city of wine' Krems an der Donau. The two main grape varieties cultivated by the estate are Grüner Veltliner and Riesling, which are grown in top Kremstal sites. To round out the portfolio, the estate also grows & vinifies Gelber Muskateller, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay & Zweigelt.

The Vorspannhof strives to produce wines of expressive authenticity that have not been adjusted by complicated technology or interventionist methods of treatment. The estate's aim is to vinify wines from the Kremstal that are typical of variety & vineyard, impressive for their elegance and the enjoyment they provide – and which will be offered at a fair price. The respectful use of resources is particularly important at the estate: with the vineyards, the old vines, the landscape, the buildings, the wine culture and the individuals involved.

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