



IPO Wines

WINE TECH SHEET

2009 Schellmann An der Sudbahn

IMPORTED BY CIRCO VINO

COUNTRY Austria	REGION Niederösterreich
APPELLATION Thermenregion	SOIL TYPE Heavy Loamy, Chalky Gravel
VARIETAL(S) Zweigelt St. Laurent Pinot Noir	WINEMAKER Fred Loimer



WINE NOTES

A short pre-fermentation maceration was followed by natural fermentation in big oak vats. After a first racking, the wine was aged on its fine lees for up to 8 months in small and big oak casks.

ABOUT THE PRODUCER: Schellmann

Fred Loimer is reinterpreting the Thermenregion tradition. While his outlook on wine seems straightforward enough, the creativity with which he approaches one of Austria's historically lauded regions is anything but old-fashioned. For Loimer, an ideal wine must be completely dry, complex and elegant, rich in aromas and flavors, intense yet not heavy, and embedded in refreshing acidity. Here this means crafting blends with regional varietals like white grapes, Rotgipfler and Zierfandler, as well as more known red grapes such as Zweigelt, St. Laurent and Pinot Noir. Biodynamically farmed, the vineyard sites of Schellmann are some of the oldest and most distinct in the region. Many wine lovers know Fred Loimer as an estate producer of wine from Austria's Kamptal region and it is true that his Kamptal wines are precise and excellent. Fred's interest in working in the Thermenregion began through his friendship with Gottfried Schellmann who led wine making innovations in the Thermenregion for over 40 years. Upon Gottfried's death in 2005, Fred Loimer decided to roll-up his sleeves and take the challenge of wine growing in a region outside his own. He wanted to ensure that the Schellmann name lived on and the efforts of his friend and the historic vineyards he farmed continued to bear fruit. The Thermenregion has its own style and for Fred this has been both rewarding and challenging. "It is indeed the greatest personal challenge – that I wasn't born in this region, that I come from outside of it. And I have to get used to all of its idiosyncrasies."