



WELSCHRIESLING

Synonyms: Riesling italico, Olasrizling

Origins: No relation to the Riesling grape. Thought by some to have originated in the Champagne where it no longer exists. Now a common grape in Austria and Eastern Europe.

Percentage of vineyards in Austria: 9

Viticulture: Prefers deep, fertile soils in warm wind-protected sites. Prone to fungus. Ripens late; end of October.

Style: White, light, and dry varieties can be found, but this grape is at its best as a sweet botrytized or ice wine. Also used as the base for the majority of Austrian sparkling wines.

Character: delicate and fragrant with apple aromas, mostly slender with racy acidity.