

## Year's Best Wines - Austria

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| <b>Eder 2009 Wachau Federspiel Grüner Veltliner</b>   | <b>88</b>         | <b>Best Buy</b>               |
| <p>The big, bold flavors of apricot and roasted peach are soft and warm, emphasizing their ripeness. While not classic Federspiel, it succeeds in a rich style.</p>   |                   |                               |
| <b>Felsner 2009 Kremstal "Lossterrassen" Grüner Veltliner</b>   | <b>88</b>         | <b>Best Buy</b>               |
| <p>This is full and generous, its creamy flavors of Meyer lemon and ripe pear showing the ample, rounded body that loess soils often give.</p>  |                   |                               |
| <b>Weixelbaum 2009 Kamptal "Stephanus" Grüner Veltliner</b>   | <b>Good Value</b> |                               |
| <p>This wine's savory notes of snap pea and lentil are backed by citrusy acidity and a spicy stoniness, turning increasingly more minerally and saline on the finish.</p>   |                   |                               |
| <b>Eder 2008 Wachau Smaragd Riesling</b>  | <b>90</b>         | <b>Best Buy</b>               |
| <p>The flavors of pear, guava and peach pit are subtle and refined, backed by brisk acidity and a salty, earthy minerality. It's balanced from beginning to end, demonstrating body and depth without being overly weighty.</p> |                   |                               |
| <b>Felsner 2009 Kremstal Gebling Riesling</b>   | <b>88</b>         | <b>Best Buy</b>               |
| <p>This focuses on its pithy, grapefruit-like flavors - full and substantial while maintaining a lively balance of acidity.</p>   |                   |                               |
| <b>Weixelbaum 2007 Kamptal Strassertal Zweigelt</b>   | <b>90</b>         | <b>Highest rated Zweigelt</b> |
| <p>The rich black cherry and plum flavors are juicy and ripe, supported by a dark, iron-like minerality. It's a wine with intense personality and firm structure.</p>   |                   |                               |