



Illmitz winemaker awarded in London

Hans Tschida has been named Sweet Winemaker of the Year by the International Wine Challenge for the seventh time. This competition is considered the most important and influential of its kind worldwide, and once again puts Austria at the focus of the wine world.

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This year of course, everything is different. Hans Tschida did not board a plane to London to personally accept his seventh Sweet Winemaker of the Year award from the International Wine Challenge (IWC). Instead, he sent a short film with his words of thanks for the British wine trade, which was shown during their exclusive gala evening on 30 June. "The Sweet Winemaker award is a huge pleasure for me and always a great honour. An immense gift in these challenging times! Thanks again to the judges, my family and our team. We were only able to do it together!" said the happy best sweet winemaker in the world. He also brought the Austrian Sweet Wine trophy to Illmitz in Burgenland for his 2008 Gelber Muskateller straw wine, as well as four gold and nine silver medals for his excellent wines in the Neusiedlersee winemaking region. This Seewinkel winemaking village is now once again in the spotlight of the international wine world.

"Hans Tschida is a sweet wine legend. The consistency and quality of his wines are truly inspirational. It's a pleasure to taste them (blind) every year. He fully deserves this award, which he has (almost) made his own over the years. Many congratulations!", said Tim Atkin MW, Co-Chairman of the IWC, paying homage to the Burgenland award winner. The particular climate in Illmitz, near Lake Neusiedl, with its lakes and salt lakes, allows outstanding wines to emerge under expert hands. The Sweet Winemaker of the Year award has been given this many times to just two wineries worldwide: the Hans Tschida Winery and the Weinlaubenhof Kracher, also in Illmitz. The Seewinkel is quite obviously the sweet wine hub of the world.

And a federal state champion! An up-to-the-minute triumph at home for the Angerhof Tschida Winery. The 2019 Muskat Ottonel Strowein (straw wine) has been chosen as this year's state winner in the "noble sweet wines" category at the Burgenland wine awards. The award ceremony took place on 1 July at the Martinsschlössel in Donnerskirchen, Burgenland.



The International Wine Challenge. This year for the 37th time, over ten thousand wines from forty countries were tasted by the approximately 100 IWC jury members consisting of Masters of Wine, international wine producers, wine merchants, and trade journalists. Six co-chairs presided over the jury: Tim Atkin MW, Sam Caporn MW, Oz Clarke, Dr Jamie Goode, Peter McCombie MW, and Helen McGinn.

The Angerhof Tschida Winery. Hans Tschida cultivates thirty-five hectares of vineyards in the Seewinkel region of Burgenland. This area near Lake Neusiedel, with its special microclimate, mineral saline and sandy soils, light gravel and dark black earth, influences the wines of this family-owned winery. They are characterised by uniquely balanced stylistics and varietal typicity, even as they receive the highest ratings. "Sweet wine in perfection" is the motto of the estate.

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