

## Austria's Grüner Veltliner: The Best Wines Under \$15



Grüner Veltliner is the national grape of Austria and one of the world's elite white wine grapes. The best examples of Grüner are expensive, but many delicious bottlings can be found at affordable prices. We recently tasted hundreds of Grüns for our Report # 25, the **Wines of Austria**. In this article, we've selected the very best wines that are imported to the US and cost \$15 or less.

Many consumers are only familiar with the simplest style of Grüner Veltliner, which is light, fresh, lively and delicate wines, often sold in liter bottles, and generally comes from vines grown in loess or sandstone soils, often from the large Weinviertel region north and west of Vienna. These wines usually cost less than \$15/bottle and are excellent values. But very good, more complex wines can also be found in this price range, often from some of the best locations in the Lower Danube and elsewhere in Austria.

Our ten highest scoring wines under \$15 are listed below with our point evaluations. The full reviews of these and other wines can be found in Report # 25 and on our data base at [iwinereview.com](http://iwinereview.com).

### **KWSelection has 2 Grüner in the top 10 list:**

#### **Anton Bauer 2009 Gmörk Grüner Veltliner Wagram 89**

A superb value from organically grown grapes.

#### **Steininger 2009 Grüner Veltliner Kamptal 88**

A delicious Grüner showing chalk and minerals from the winery associated with Austria's famous Loosium wine museum.