



Young Swiss winemaker produces award-winning wines in harmony with nature

For Nadine Saxer winemaking is a passion inherited from her parents. Since 2011 she has managed the Saxer’s vineyard in Neftenbach in the Swiss Canton of Zurich. With growing success, her award-winning wines continue to combine traditional winemaking with innovative taste.

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Nadine Saxer is considered one of the best young Swiss vintners, working in a typical family business. The winery bears her name today, but was originally founded by her father in the 1990s. Not only do Nadine Saxer’s parents still work on the vineyard mainly selling and degusting wines, but also her husband Stefan Gysel Saxer. Like Nadine Saxer, a vintner who additionally works in his parents’ vineyards a few kilometres away. Both Nadine and Stefan have studied oenology at a technical college. Nadine Saxer not only profits from growing up on a vineyard, but also from her travels to Argentina and South Africa where she experienced first-hand how vintners make wines.

Nadine Saxer cultivates about 7.5 hectares of vineyards in the Winterthurer

wine-growing area – always close to nature. “It is important for us to take the laws of nature into account and go easy on natural resources,” says Nadine Saxer. Manual work and dedication make wines special and that is mirrored in the wine’s name. Nobler Blauer – noble blue – is a Pinot Noir selection that has ripened in Barrique barrels for three months. It is a fruity and rich wine with a hint of roasting flavours. The white counterpart Nobler Weisser is made of Riesling Silvaner grapes and tastes of exotic fruits like peaches. Last year’s vintage was so popular it completely sold out.

“We want to combine tradition and innovations,” says Nadine Saxer about her winemaking philosophy. The results currently are 14 red and white wines, some of them

award winning. At the Grand Prix de Vin Suisse 2015, Sylvie, a wine with refreshing lemon and subtle Muscat aromas, was named best Silvaner-Riesling in Switzerland. The Tête de Cuvée gained third place among Swiss Pinot Noirs. Two of Nadine Saxer’s wines – Nobler Weisser and Sauvignon Blanc – were also offered in business and first class when flying with Swiss last summer. And all wines can of course be tasted when visiting the winery in Neftenbach on Friday evenings and Saturdays.

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Above: Nadine Saxer