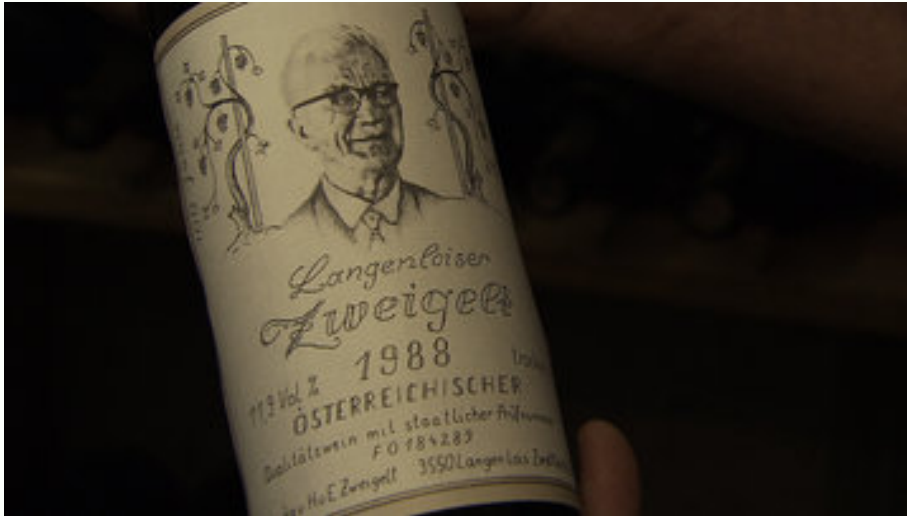


SYNOPSIS



Zweigelt - A Wine with a Twist

Der Zweigelt - Ein vielseitiger Österreicher

An Austrian wine innovator whose roots can be traced deep into the National Socialism. In 1922, in Klosterneuburg near Vienna, Friedrich Zweigelt crossed the St. Laurent and Blaufränkisch varieties of grape. The result was the «Zweigelt», Austria's «national red», which has been described by the initiated as follows: «at first glance everything is normal and lovely, but then an abyss opens up.» The same could be said to apply to the variety's creator. Zweigelt was a Nazi party member from the word go and, as director of the Institute of Viticulture during Hitler's dictatorship, persecuted anyone who raised even the slightest suspicion of resistance, excluded Jews from his courses, and even after 1945 showed no remorse. This film by Gerald Teufel illuminates the unknown past of a highly decorated wine connoisseur and shows the real stories that may lie behind some of Austria's national treasures.

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