

superbly concentrated fruit, and he ages his wines in larger barrels to preserve their individuality: 'I don't want to mask their character with new oak.'

## Around the lake

Georg Prieler also makes delicious Blaufränkisch in Schützen, the grapes coming mostly from the nearby Leithaberg. It's a short drive from here to Rust, the prettiest of the Burgenland towns, so it's worth spending some time here. The Hauptstrasse leads down to the lake, and off to one side are charming little squares and lanes. Many houses on the Hauptstrasse date back to the 16th century and double as wineries, such as Feiler-Artinger ([www.feiler-artinger.at](http://www.feiler-artinger.at)), which produces sensational Ausbruch as well as impressive red wines. Wenzel ([weinbau.wenzel@utanet.at](mailto:weinbau.wenzel@utanet.at)), a few doors away, is also famous for Ausbruch. Rust has become very touristy – visitors flock to see the storks perched on their chimney-top nests – so it's easy to find a café, restaurant or wine bar, such as Schandl, which serves hearty and very traditional dishes.

Neusiedl is the town at the top of the lake, and would make an alternative base to Eisenstadt, since it gives equidistant access to both shores. The villages of Gols and Illmitz, on the eastern side,