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The castle gates closed on this world of make-believe. But, it's nice to know that here we can step back into the past in this jet age.

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When autumn comes, it's time for the harvesting of the grapes. And some of Austria's richest vineyards lie here in the eastern province of Burgenland, which was a part of Hungary right until 1920.

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The vineyards stretch right to the now foreboding borders of Hungary.

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That's the land you can see in the distance beyond the trees.

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Burgenland is least known by the tourists. It's so different from the rest of Austria, with its flat terrain and Hungarian-type people that you almost feel as though you're in another country.

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With so much traffic out here, I guess this harvester felt it was necessary to ease the congestion.

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This families vineyard is located between the villages of Mirvish and Rust, which for years have produced some of Austria's finest wine.

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In fact, the excellent quality of this wine played an interesting role in history.

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Back in the 17th century, this territory was controlled by the Esterhazy overlords.

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The people wanted to be free of their jurisdiction. So, presented their rulers with 800 barrels of their choicest wines.

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The Esterhazy's liked the wines so much, they did grant the people their freedom. And still today the village of Rust is called a free city, having special governmental privileges.

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In the village of Mirvish, located right on the Hungarian border, the people can be seen putting the grapes away in their basements.

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Right from here we can see the forbidding watch towers with their armed guards.

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We were warned though not to try to photograph them, as it might be very dangerous. But, the people don't think about them now, with all the work at hand.

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Soon this man's grapes will be the rich muscatel that Mirvish is so famous for.

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When the harvesting's over, the people feel like celebrating, and wine festivals breakout all over the village country.

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A few miles east of Vienna is the famed Abbey Town of Klosterneuberg lying at the foot of the vine-covered hills.

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And it's here where one of Austria's most popular wine-fests takes place.



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