

Bridging the Gap Between Summer and Fall Wines

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Stadlmann Zierfandler Mandel-Höh 2006 (\$26.93 at Crush Wine & Spirits, crushwineco.com) — Unique to the Thermen region south of [Vienna](#), this age-worthy wine is a subtle spice bomb, and more fulsome than typical whites from neighboring [Germany](#). It's more alcoholic, too. As Crush's Austrian specialist, Stephen Bitterolf, points out, Zierfandler's fennel and dark fruit profile is true to summer's end.