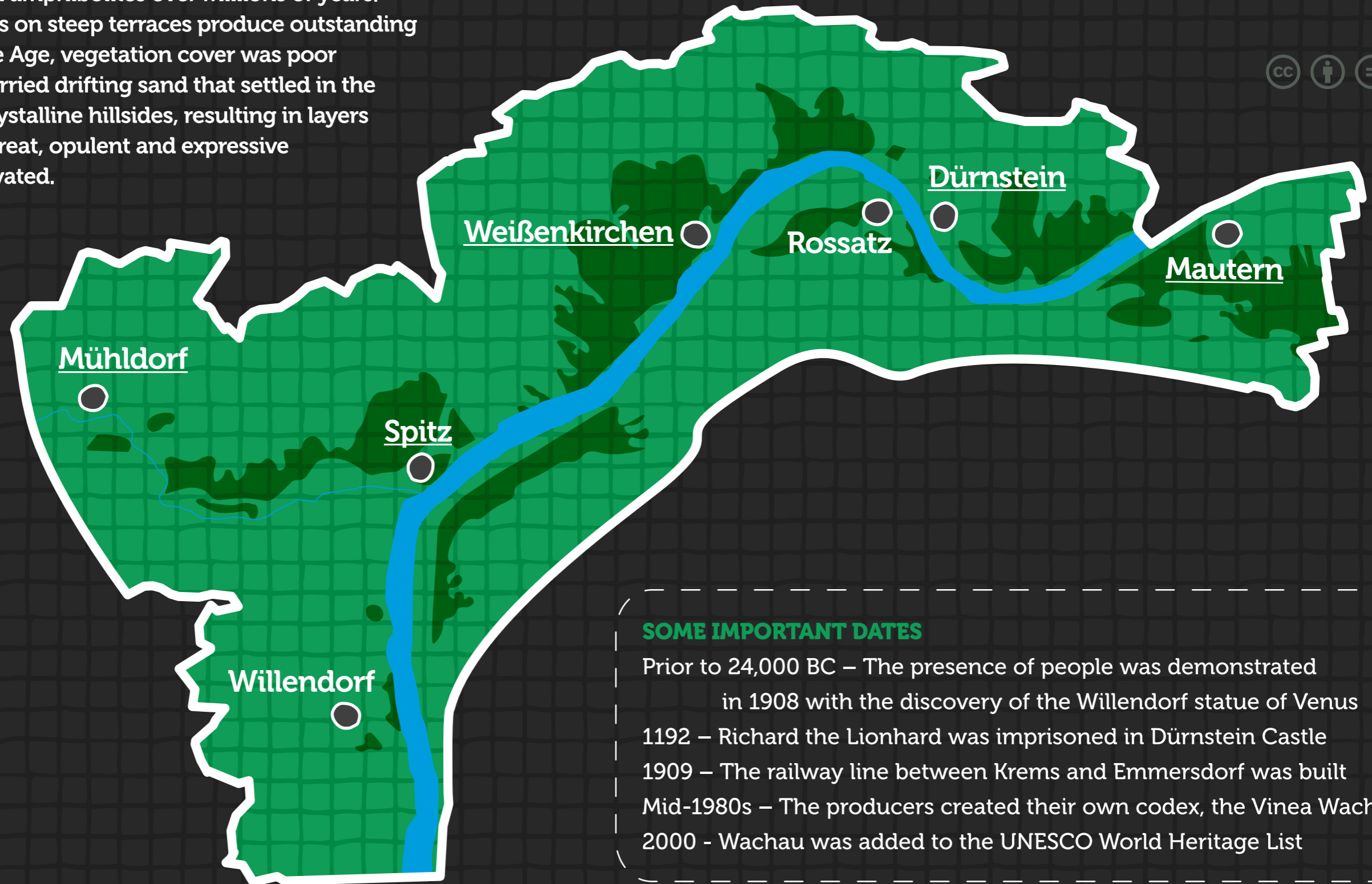


# Wachau

## WINE REGION



The Danube has carved its winding waterway through the consolidated gneiss and amphibolites over millions of years. The crystalline rock soils on steep terraces produce outstanding **Rieslings**. During the Ice Age, vegetation cover was poor and prevailing winds carried drifting sand that settled in the lee of the east-facing crystalline hillsides, resulting in layers of loess. This is where great, opulent and expressive **Grüner Veltliner** is cultivated.



**1350**  
vineyard hectares

### SOME IMPORTANT DATES

- Prior to 24,000 BC – The presence of people was demonstrated in 1908 with the discovery of the Willendorf statue of Venus
- 1192 – Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in Dürnstein Castle
- 1909 – The railway line between Krems and Emmersdorf was built
- Mid-1980s – The producers created their own codex, the Vinea Wachau
- 2000 - Wachau was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List