



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Paul and Elfriede Achs
Winemaker: Paul Achs
Total acreage under vine: 61
Estate founded: 1952
Winery production: 100,000 Bottles
Region: Burgenland
Country: Austria

Blaufränkisch Ried Altenberg 2015

WINE DESCRIPTION

Paul Achs returned to the family winery in Gols in 1991 after spending time in California where he learned to produce high-quality red wines and is today one of Austria's best red wine producers. Ninety percent of the production is red wine and all 25 hectares biodynamically farmed. Paul's wines are known for their elegance and finesse.

Ried Altenberg is a 3-hectare site situated on the Parndorfer Platte, a south-facing slope of complex soils near the village of Gols. The terroir in Altenberg consists of gravel mixed with limestone. The vineyard, planted in 1999, gives a Blaufränkisch with heightened aromas, firm structure, and a distinct mineral character.

Blaufränkisch Ried Altenberg is only produced in top vintages and is one of four single-vineyard Blaufränkisch for which Paul Achs is known. A wine of profound expression and longevity. The wine is fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged for 18 months in a combination of new and used 228-liter Burgundian pièce.

TASTING NOTES

Thanks to the combination of gravelly soil mixed with limestone and an ideal south-facing exposure, Altenberg shows layers of ripe fruit, spice, and minerals that are elegantly framed by firm tannins and skillful use of new oak. Aromas and flavors of wild cherries, orange peel, and herbs coupled with minerality.

FOOD PAIRING

Neighboring Hungary influences Burgenland's cuisine, and it's not unusual to find dishes like goulash or stuffed peppers in the region, all liberally spiced with paprika. Burgenland's red wines are well-suited to complement these hearty and spicy flavors but offer broad versatility at the table thanks to its firm acidity and savory character.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation:	Neusiedlersee
Vineyard name:	Ried Altenberg
Vineyard size:	8 acres
Soil composition:	Gravel with limestone
Elevation:	380-512 feet
Yield/acre:	1.6 tons
Exposure:	South Southwestern
Year vineyard planted:	1999
Harvest time:	October
First vintage of this wine:	2000
Bottles produced of this wine:	3,000
Sustainability certification:	Respekt Biodynamic

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Blaufränkisch
Fining agent:	Vegan
Type of aging container:	Barrels
Size of aging container:	228 liters
Age of aging container:	New to 3 years
Type of oak:	French
Length of aging before bottling:	18 months

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	13.0 %
pH level:	3.4
Residual sugar:	1.0 g/L
Acidity:	5.9 g/L
Dry extract:	29.4 g/L

