



### 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

## St. Laurent 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.

The Parndorfer Platte is a south-facing escarpment of complex soils situated near the villages of Gols and Mönchoff and is the source of Paul Achs' Sankt Laurent. Here, the diversity of soil combines with southern exposure and the warm Pannonian climate to give wines of profound expression and longevity.

Sankt Laurent is a red grape most likely of Austrian origin where it has been cultivated since the 19th century although its genetic ancestry is still uncertain. The wine is fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged for 12 months in a combination of used 228 liter French and Austrian oak barrels.

### TASTING NOTES

Sankt Laurent is often described as a fuller bodied and perhaps more rustic version of Pinot Noir although their relationship is the subject of some debate. The wine shows aromas and flavors of wild blackberries and wild cherries with herbal spice and features a velvety texture with moderate tannins.

### 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:	Heideboden, Ried Goldberg, Ried Altenberg
Soil composition:	Iron-rich and Gravel
Elevation:	500 feet
Vines/acre:	2,000
Yield/acre:	1.6 tons
Exposure:	Western
Year vineyard planted:	1992-2000
Harvest time:	August-September
First vintage of this wine:	1994
Bottles produced of this wine:	5,800
Certified eco-friendly practices:	Biodynamic-Respekt

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% St. Laurent
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Fining agent:	Vegan
Type of aging container:	Barrels
Size of aging container:	228 liters
Age of aging container:	Used
Type of oak:	French and Austrian
Length of aging before bottling:	20 months

### ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	12.0 %
pH level:	3.6
Residual sugar:	1.0 g/L
Acidity:	5.2 g/L
Dry extract:	25.8 g/L

