



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

Zweigelt 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.

Heideboden is a flat and gravelly area between Gols and the lake and is a source of fresh and easy-drinking red wines. Gravel soils mixed with limestone provide excellent drainage while warm breezes from the Pannonian plain bring the circulation and warmth required to ripen red wine grapes consistently.

Zweigelt is a cross of Blaufränkisch with Sankt Laurent developed in 1922 by Fritz Zweigelt at Klostereuburg. It is the most planted and most consumed red wine in Austria thanks to its soft and fruity character. The wine is fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged for 12 months in a combination of large French and Austrian oak casks.

TASTING NOTES

Well-drained soil and the warm Pannonian climate gives Zweigelt a ripe and generous fruit character while also being approachable and easy to drink. The wine shows soft tannins and fresh acidity with flavors of cherries, orange zest and minerals and with no taste of wood despite 12 months aging in used barrels.

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
Soil composition:	Black earth with gravel and limestone
Elevation:	284 feet
Yield/acre:	5000 kg tons
Exposure:	flat vineyard on Heideboden
Year vineyard planted:	1966 1988 1993
Harvest time:	September
First vintage of this wine:	1979
Bottles produced of this wine:	5,800
Certified eco-friendly practices:	Biodynamic-Respekt
Certified vineyards:	All

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Zweigelt
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Fining agent:	Vegan
Type of aging container:	Barrels
Size of aging container:	500 liters and 3,400 liters
Age of aging container:	Used
Type of oak:	French and Austrian
Length of aging before bottling:	24 Months

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	12.5 %
pH level:	3.7
Residual sugar:	1.0 g/L
Acidity:	4.9 g/L
Dry extract:	25.3 g/L

