



## 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 Edelgrund 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.

Paul's vineyards are found in two main areas near Gols, a small winemaking village located in the Neusiedlersee district of Austria's Burgenland region. Heideboden, a flat and gravelly area between Gols and the lake, and the Parndorfer Platte, a south-facing slope of complex soils situated near the villages of Gols and Mönchoff.

Blaufränkisch Ried Edelgrund is a single-vineyard located in the Heideboden area with vines planted in 1988. The wine is fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged for 12 months in a combination of used Burgundian pièce and large French and Austrian oak casks.

### TASTING NOTES

Edelgrund is a noticeable step up from the entry-level Heideboden bottling with additional depth and complexity provided by older vines. The wine is both ripe and savory with a black fruit character of blackberries and cherries accented by spice and minerals without the taste of wood.

### 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 Edelgrund
Vineyard size:	2 acres
Soil composition:	Black earth with gravel and lime
Elevation:	377 feet
Vines/acre:	2,000
Yield/acre:	1.4 tons
Year vineyard planted:	1988
Harvest time:	October
First vintage of this wine:	1991
Bottles produced of this wine:	2,700
Certified eco-friendly practices:	Biodynamic-Respekt

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Blaufränkisch
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of maceration:	16 days
Fining agent:	Vegan
Type of aging container:	Barrels
Size of aging container:	228 liter
Age of aging container:	7-10 years
Type of oak:	French and Austrian
Length of aging before bottling:	8 months
Length of bottle aging:	Bottled June 27, 2016

### ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	12.5 %
pH level:	3.5
Residual sugar:	1.1 g/L
Acidity:	5.3 g/L
Dry extract:	26.6 g/L

