



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 Spiegel 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.

Spiegel is a flatter, 1-hectare site situated on the Parndorfer Platte, a south-facing slope of complex soils near the village of Gols. The terroir in Spiegel consists of clay with a high percentage of chalk. Spiegel, planted in 1988, tends to give a particularly powerful Blaufränkisch.

Blaufränkisch Ried Spiegel was first produced in 2002 and is one of four single-vineyard Blaufränkisch for which Paul Achs is known. A wine of power with excellent potential for extended aging. 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 high chalk content of its clay-based soil, Spiegel shows power along with nuanced aromas of fruit, spice, and flowers, elegantly framed by firm tannins and skillful use of new oak. Aromas and flavors of wild cherries, orange peel, violets and savory herbs.

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

Vineyard name: Ried Spiegel
Certified eco-friendly practices: Biodynamic-Respekt

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition: 100% Blaufränkisch
Finning agent: Vegan

