



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

Blaifränkisch Ried Ungerberg 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.

Ungerberg is a 3-hectare site situated on the Parndorfer Platte, a south-facing slope of complex soils near the village of Gols. The soil in Ungerberg consists of clay mixed with chalk and iron. Ungerberg tends to give a Blaifränkisch with complex aromas and great finesse.

Blaifränkisch Ried Ungerberg was first produced in 1997 and is one of four single-vineyard Blaifränkisch for which Paul Achs is known. A wine of elegance and finesse. 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

Ungerberg features concentrated black fruit of cherries and plums along with violets, savory herbs, and sweet spices. The wine shows elegant tannins with juicy acidity and subtle use of new oak. Ungerberg tends to be the most supple of Achs' three single vineyard Blaifränkisch.

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 Ungerberg
Vineyard size:	8 acres
Soil composition:	Clay with chalk and iron
Elevation:	380-512 feet
Yield/acre:	1.6 tons
Exposure:	Southwestern
Bottles produced of this wine:	6,000
Certified eco-friendly practices:	Biodynamic-Respekt

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Blaifränkisch
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Maceration technique:	Pumpovers
Type of aging container:	Barrels
Size of aging container:	228 liters
Age of aging container:	10% new
Type of oak:	French
Length of aging before bottling:	18 months

