



## 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 Heideboden 2016

### 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.

Blaifränkisch Heideboden serves as the entry-level in Paul Achs' range of Blaifränkisch. It is intended to be approachable and fresh tasting. The wine is fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged for 12 months in a combination of used Burgundian piece and large French and Austrian oak casks.

### TASTING NOTES

Well-drained soil and the warm Pannonian climate gives Blaifränkisch Heideboden a ripe and generous fruit character while also being approachable and easy to drink. The wine is both ripe and savory with ripe black fruit, 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
Vineyard name:	Ried Edelgrund, Ried Hofacker, Ried Altenberg
Soil composition:	Calcareous Sandy-Loam and Gravel
Training method:	Middlehigh Training Form
Elevation:	400 feet
Vines/acre:	2,000
Yield/acre:	2.0 tons
Exposure:	Eastern / Southeastern
Year vineyard planted:	1966 1988 1993
Harvest time:	September
First vintage of this wine:	1990
Bottles produced of this wine:	5,800
Certified eco-friendly practices:	Biodynamic-Respekt
Certified vineyards:	yes

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Blaifränkisch
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Fining agent:	Vegan
Type of aging container:	Barrels
Size of aging container:	228 liter and 300 liter
Age of aging container:	Used
Type of oak:	French and Austrian
Length of aging before bottling:	18 months

### ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	12.5 %
Residual sugar:	1.0 g/L
Acidity:	6.0 g/L

