

Boeckel 2017 Riesling Brandluft (ORGANIC)

WineWise Code	FEB-RIB17
Country	France
Region	Alsace
Color	White
Alcohol by Volume	12.94
Acidity	7.61
Residual Sugar	5.1
Closure	DIAM
Annual cases produced	900
Varieties	100% Riesling
Pumpover or Punchdown?	No
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	4 weeks
Aging method	Cask 100%
Aging duration (months)	8
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes
Vineyard Name	Brandluft
Soil Type(s)	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	200
Vineyard Aspect	
Vine age (years)	45
Vine Yields hl/ha	50
Farming practices	Certified Organic
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

Notes from the producer:

For 400 years the Boeckel family has had its roots firmly planted in the terroir of Mittelbergheim. In 1853, Frédéric Boeckel, an established winemaker from the centre of the village, founded the business which is today managed by the brothers Jean-Daniel and Thomas Boeckel, who are the fifth generation.

WineWise Notes on Boeckel:

This ancient family firm has become a dependable source for some heart-warmingly traditional examples of Alsace wines. In recent years, they have systematically converted all their own holdings to certified organic viticulture, though they continue to buy a significant proportion of other grapes from long-term partners. The wines are full-flavored, varietally distinct and properly dry. They offer a price-quality ratio that is hard to beat. Now that the 23 hectares are fully organic, a new range of wines under the name "Midelberg", an ancient dialectal name for their beautiful village, has been released with a striking label and bottling under screw-cap

WineWise Notes:

This lieu-dit was the first sold by Boeckel in the 19th century and holds a special place in their pantheon. Its highly complex soils on a sandy base give rise to a hauntingly-scented wine with a finesse suggestive of a Grand Cru (as with the Clos Eugénie below). Quite exceptional in this vintage.

Notes from the producer:

The Brandluft Riesling has been produced and sold by the Domaine Boeckel for over 100 years.

