

Boeckel 2014 Sylvaner Vieilles Vignes

WineWise Code	FEB-SVV14
Country	France
Region	Alsace
Color	White
Alcohol by Volume	11.98
Acidity	6.46
Residual Sugar	1.7
Closure	DIAM
Annual cases produced	500
Varieties	100% Sylvaner
Pumpover or Punchdown?	No
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Aging duration (months)	5
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type(s)	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	200
Vineyard Aspect	Southeast
Vine age (years)	45
Vine Yields hl/ha	70
Farming practices	Conventional
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

WineWise Notes:

Mittelbergheim is famous for Sylvaner. Indeed, its celebrated Zotzenberg is the only Alsatian vineyard accorded Grand Cru status for this Cinderella grape. This cuvée comes from Boeckel's large holdings in that cru and its surroundings and displays not just the charm and freshness one expects but unexpected hints of power and gravitas, too.



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

