

Boeckel 2021 Riesling Brandluft ORGANIC

WineWise Code	FEB-RIB21
Country	France
Region	Alsace
Color/Style	White
Farming Practices	Certified Organic
Varieties	100% Riesling
ABV	12.37
Residual Sugar	5.9
Acidity	6.9
Closure	DIAM
Case Size	12x750
Pricing	Discountable
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation Duration	20 days
Aging Method	Cask 100%
Aging Duration (months)	12 months
Filtered	Yes
Fining Agents	None
Yeast	Native
Lees Contact/Stirring	10 months
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes
Vineyard Name	Brandluft
Soil Type	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	250
Vineyard Aspect	Southeast
Vine Age	45
Yields (hl/ha)	45
Picking	Hand-harvested
Annual Production	8000

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). The 2021 vintage brought a marked mineral charge to the wines, heightened by the elevated acidity of the year.

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.



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.

