

# JUDITH BECK



The Judith Beck estate is based in the Burgenland commune of Gols, in the Neusiedlersee region, on the eastern side of the Lake Neusiedl. This is Austria's warmest wine growing area, the first to harvest, and the production center of its finest full-bodied, dry red wines.

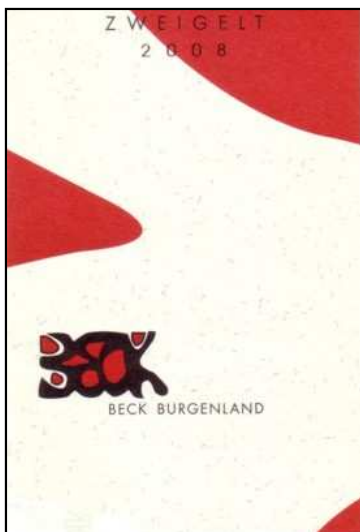
Judith's parents, Matthias and Christine Beck, founded the family estate in 1976. Judith Beck made her first vintage in 2001 and in 2004 she assumed full control of the winery. Managing the family winery comes naturally to Judith who has an innate "sixth-sense" feel for the regional varieties Zweigelt, Blaufränkisch and St. Laurent. Judith Beck owns a total of 13.5 hectares of vines in Gols, with holdings in the vineyard sites of Altenberg, Gabarinza, Salzberg and Schafleiten. 85% of the area is planted to red varieties - Blauer Zweigelt, Blaufränkisch, St. Laurent, Pinot Noir and Merlot, with the remaining 15% planted to white varieties - Welschriesling, Pinot Blanc and Chardonnay.

The Becks built an impressive, new production and aging cellar in 2005. It allows Judith to manipulate her wines as little as possible in the vinification process. Judith and her father Matthias practiced sustainable viticulture from the outset, and converted

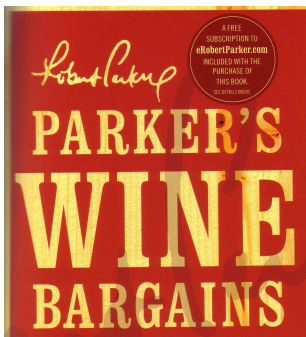
to bio-dynamic practice with the 2007 vintage. She uses only native yeasts in the fermentation process. The Red wines are fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, in new barriques or in open vats. The wines undergo malolactic fermentation in new barriques or in large oak barrels.

Beck's **Zweigelt** and **Blaufränkisch** come from 15 - 20 year old vines planted on soils with a mix of sand, limestone and gravel. They are fermented in stainless steel and then aged in large, neutral oak casks that have been in use for over 50 years. Bottling takes place in May for the Zweigelt and August for the Blaufränkisch. Both are text book examples of their varieties. The Beck **Zweigelt** is a dark colored, bright and expressively fruity, spicy wine. The **Blaufränkisch**, which has thicker skin and ripens later, has a lush and supple dark fruit character with notes of blackberry and dark cherry. Both are ready to be enjoyed upon release.

Judith aptly summarizes the philosophy of the estate: "Wine and the joy of living and pleasure all go hand in hand. We prefer wines which captivate all of our senses with each new bottle and each new sip."



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**JUDITH BECK** (Burgenland [Neusiedlersee])

**Blaufränkisch** 🍷 \$\$

A tart, fruit-laden, subtly herbal and spicy introduction to the charms of Blaufränkisch.

