



WHAT IS BIODYNAMICS?

Biodynamics was first detailed in a series of agriculture lectures given by Rudolf Steiner in 1924 and is internationally recognized as a leading organic method working across all agricultural systems.

The biodynamic method involves the use of specially developed preparations (500-508) that assist in connecting the whole farm unit with the dynamic rhythms of the earth and atmosphere. Instead of just acting on the physical, biodynamics goes one step further in both working with living soil and the invisible energies of nature.

Biodynamics recognizes that great wine starts vineyard, not the cellar, and that a wine-grower must understand his soil and site before he can make a great wine.

Because of this connection with this world of energies, biodynamics helps to dramatically increase the possibility of individuality, individuality the French call terroir.

MOVING ON...FROM ORGANIC TO BIODYNAMIC VITICULTURE

Our path to organic viticulture began in the early 1980s. We underscored our conviction in 1990, by joining the Naturland Association for Organic Agriculture. Since then, we have cultivated our vineyards 100% according to the guidelines of organic viticulture and thus, number among the pioneers of organic viticulture in Germany.

Since 2004, our vineyards have been cultivated biodynamically, an approach that originated with the spiritual philosopher and anthroposophist Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925). The biodynamic version of organic viticulture takes into account how the motion dynamics of cosmic and lunar cycles, as well as the sun, influence the soil – and thus, the vine. This view provides us with valuable ideas that enable us to help our vines achieve balanced growth. Only under optimal conditions is a vine “comfortable” in its vineyard environment.

Putting biodynamic viticulture into practice requires much more manual labor in the vineyard in order to make the most of the sun, wind, and rain. Uncompromising abstention from the use of synthetically produced chemical pesticides, herbicides, and easily soluble mineral fertilizers keeps the soil healthy and ensures that the vines are deeply rooted. Healthy grapes grow in healthy soil...and this ultimately guarantees the high quality and optimal terroir expression of our wines.

To paraphrase the old vintners’s saying, “wine is born in the vineyard,” biodynamic viticulture provides us with an opportunity to vinify wines with character, depth, and complexity.