



92 Point Biokult Naken Organic Orange Wine Earns Spot on Wine Enthusiast’s Top 100 Wines of 2020

The popular skin contact orange wine [Biokult Naken](#) appears on the prestigious [Wine Enthusiast Top 100 Wines of 2020](#). This Top 100 wine of 2020 has quickly become a top-selling item nationwide.

From [Wine Enthusiast](#): “This is it, folks. The end of 2020 is in sight. At the finish line of such a difficult year, it’s cathartic to remember some positives that occurred in the last 12 months. This year, for example, our global team of editors and tasters cumulatively reviewed more than 25,000 wines...Now comes the ultimate, The

Enthusiast 100. A ranking of the top wines we tasted over the last 12 months, this roster represents some of the most exciting finds on the market today...The list as a whole is built to please a range of palates and budgets, so you’ll find everything from widely available, attractively priced bottles to small-production, natural offerings that wine lovers are geeking out over and everything in between.”

The September 2020 issue of Wine Enthusiast featured [Biokult Naken Orange Wine](#) with an outstanding 92 Points and Editor’s Choice designation, and the Top 100 Wines of 2020 list was published November 23, 2020.

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92 Biokult 2019 Naken Made With Organic Grapes White (Burgenland). Pink-hued and funky, this skin-contact orange wine brims with clementine and orange peel notes on the nose, supported by an overtone of honeysuckle. The light palate has a texture reminiscent of citrus pith and tingles with freshness, while clementine and white pepper notes are highlighted by the bone-dry nature. It is compelling and wonderfully light. Natural Merchants, Inc. —A.K.
abv: 10.5% Price: \$20

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Biokult Naken is 90% Pinot Gris and 10% Muskateller. Naken is a high-quality, hand-crafted organic [orange wine](#), vinified by [female winemaker Angela Michlits](#) and her husband Werner. Produced in partnership with three small family owned vineyards, **Biokult Naken** is a unique creative project of our winery partner [Biokult](#), in the Burgenland region of Austria. All Biokult growers are obliged to [certified organic production](#), environmental protection, biodiversity, and the promotion of healthy soils in their vineyards. Abstinence from artificial fertilizers and stabilizers guarantee unadulterated enjoyment.

Following historic traditions, the grapes are processed as they would be for red wine, fermented on the skins for 5-10 days. The result is a beautiful and delicate orange color with a higher concentration of tannins and structure along with a creamy body style. The wine's tart acidity and bright citrus flavors combine for an energetic glass dripping with juicy grape goodness. The wine's acidity works alongside lighter entrees, while its tannic structure stands up to bolder dishes.

Biokult follows low intervention principals in wine making, with spontaneous fermentation from indigenous yeast and natural malolactic fermentation. The wine has a small content of CO2 remaining after fermentation that keeps the wine fresh and adds a slight natural effervescence to the wine that also protects against aging. Naken is sealed with a crown cap to keep in the natural goodness. This wine is unfiltered and may contain natural sediments. At 10.5% ABV, Naken is quite quaffable and a perfect match for a sunny day or a great meal with friends.

Naken (the word for naked in Swedish, referring to Biokult's "naked" production methods for the wine) has many attributes:

- Made with 100% Certified Organically Grown Grapes
- [Dry farmed](#) wine without any irrigation
- Natural wine with low content of SO2
- [Vegan friendly](#)-produced without any animal byproducts
- Wild yeast fermentation – no added yeast
- Without filtration, can contain slight deposit of sediments and/or crystals
- No additions, no treatments
- 0 bar pressure (no bubbles)-slight natural CO2 from fermentation



What is Orange Wine?

Orange wine is a white wine that has been fermented with grape skins and seeds, left in contact with the juice long enough to imbue the finished wine with a beautiful orange or amber color. They are vinified using the process for red wines, macerating the grapes on their skins. A longer time on the skins gives these wines more red-wine characteristics, such as body and tannins, while maintaining the character and acidity of a white wine. **Orange is one of the many colors of these "skin contact" wines, and any white grape can be used to make orange wine.**

Orange wine has become a growing category over the past several years and can be found from many countries around the world. Orange wines are generally considered to be "[natural wines](#)," usually grown [organically](#) or [Biodynamically](#), produced with minimal intervention. Most orange winemakers use only native yeast (no inoculation) and little or no additives such as sulfites. Orange wines also tend to be lower in alcohol and light in body. Depending on the time on the skins and the fermentation process, orange wines can be light and fruity, oxidized (nutty or cooked fruit flavors), sour (like a sour beer), or bold and complex. **These naturally fermented wines can vary in style, flavor and color by vintage and even by batch. It's all part of the fun and experimentation of the natural wine experience.**

Naken is available at fine retailers and restaurants nationwide.

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