

Kappelrodeck -- The Best Red Wines Around

OK, I'll be right to the point. If you're coming to Kappelrodeck over here in the [Ortenau](#) looking for castles, medieval churches, and some half-timbered houses, you will find them here.

However — and that's a mighty big however — if you're on the prowl for some of the best red wines in Germany, then Baby, you've come to the right place.

Wine is a very big business in Kappelrodeck. Not only is it on the [Baden Wine Route](#), vino is celebrated quite a few times a year. You'll find a big 2-day Wine Festival every September, followed by yet another 2-day Wine Festival in the village of Waldulm (one of 33 villages and hamlets that is modern day Kappelrodeck).

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In between the two festivals is the *Winzerkirwi*, that is also a multi-day event. And all the festivities don't just start and end with the vino. Throughout the year Kappelrodeck hosts a number of other festivals and events, like the *Frühlingsfest* (Spring Festival) and *Waldfest* (Forest Festival, both in May); the *Burgunderfest* (Burgundy Festival, June); Summer Festival (July); and the *Bockbierfest* in August.

Wine and beer? Is there anything else? Yup... Kappelrodeck is known for its distilleries, probably because the region was (and is) known for its fruit growing. How else are you going to make fruit flavored schnapps?

And what about some fun? Yup... Known as *Kappler Fasnacht*, this is the town's traditional carnival season with fun speeches, costumes, and parties.

While Kappelrodeck doesn't have a whole lot of castles and churches to see for traditional sightseeing, it is home to Schloss Rodeck — a privately owned Neo-Renaissance castle that got its beginnings back in the Middle Ages.

And there are two churches worth seeing — one being the pretty town church in Waldulm (along with a few half-timbered houses), the other the 11th century Church of St. Nicholas.

Waldulm, by the way, is a charming village that offers rolling hills a duck pond, and is close to the Kutzenstein — a pile of stones in the countryside.

It's said that on a clear day you can see straight to Strasbourg, France — but I don't know anything about that. Too busy enjoying Kappelrodeck, I guess. ;-)