ESZENCIA 2012

DESCRIPTION

When he tasted it, Louis XIV proclaimed Tokaj "the wine of the king and the king of wines". The Tokaj legend has grown and grown in its four-hundred years of history; but it was not until 1630 that the greatness of the Oremus vineyard was first spoken of. Today it is the one which receives greatest universal acclaim.

A product of the Oremus terroir, Oremus nectar stands out amongst all the Aszú wines. It is an incredibly rich drink, peerless in the world. It has a low alcohol content (2 % to 3 %), given that not all the sugar concentrated in it reaches fermentation, and it is not at all unusual to find 500 grams or more residual sugar per litre. The Aszú berries are picked individually. We should not forget that each picker will collect between 5 and 10 kg of grapes a day. The berries are left to settle for 15 to 20 days and, the slight pressure exerted by the weight of the berries themselves, causes extraction of the juice they contain. The must is then transferred to 50-litre glass containers and left to ferment very slowly. After a year it is transferred to 68-litre "Átalag" barrels, where the wine continues to refine. Finally, it is bottle-aged in a journey that can last decades.

Eszencia is Tokaj's nectar and the soul of the Oremus wines. Pure concentration and intensity.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Alcohol by volume - 3 %

Sugar - **544 g/l**

Acidity - 13.9 g/l

Variety - Furmint, Hárslevelü, Zéta, and Sárgauskotály

Average vineyard age - 15 years

Vineyard surface area - 98 ha

Planting density - 5,660 plants/ha

Altitude - **200 m**

Yield - 13 bottles/ha

Harvest - 100 % manual, individual selection of the Aszú berries in several rounds

2012 VINEYARD CYCLE

Abundant rainfall in the winter with temperatures considerably colder than usual in February. Spring was warmer and drier than previous years resulting in grapes gaining greater intensity.

Summer was extremely hot and dry. Drought in August brought early ripening and occasional dehydration of the grapes.

Autumn was hot with precipitation and early harvest of grapes used for dry wine and a later harvest of Aszú berries

STORAGE AND RECOMMENDED DRINKING WINDOW

This wine is suitable for drinking now, but it can be stored for 50 years in optimal conditions: $12-14 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ / $54-57^{\circ}$ F and $60 \,^{\circ}\text{m}$ relative humidity.

The recommended serving temperature is 8 °C / 46 °F.

PRODUCTION

800 bottles 375 ml.



