



## RIESLING 2011

**Appellation:** Štajerska Slovenija (cool climate white wine region in eastern Slovenia on the Croatian border).

**Varietal:** Rhein Riesling (Renski Rizling).

**Availability:** 1800 cases 12 x 75cl bottles.

**Vineyards:** Selected sites in the Jeruzalem, Kog, Strezetina and Ivančjkovci slopes and communes in the hills behind the town of Ormož. Partly on terraces.

**Soils:** Calcareous base rock with clay/sand soil on marl.

**Cultivation:** Vines were pruned and trained using single Guyot to ensure optimal sun exposure to fruit and foliage. Sustainable viticulture is practiced under the integrated system monitored by IPGV. Hand picked grapes.

**Winery:** Well equipped, small modern winery was set up by Verus Vineyards Ltd. This company was founded in May 2007 by Božidar Grabovac, Rajko Žličar and Danilo Šnajder. Winery capacity is 80.000 litres.

**Analysis:**

Alcohol:	13 % vol.
Residual sugar:	8,0 g/l
pH:	2,92
TA:	7,14 g/l

**2011 Vintage:** The winter was long and cold and it lasted until the end of April. With only few spring days in May we jumped straight into summer. Summer was dry and warm. There were no serious rain storms with hail. The vines had perfect conditions till the harvest. Because of steady warm and nice weather the grapes were ripe 2-3 weeks earlier than in normal vintage. Harvest time was also dry and warm. Because of high daily temperatures we had to pick the grapes early in the morning to get them cold into cellar.

**Winemaking:** The grapes were harvested between 23rd, 24th and 26th of September. Only clean, perfectly ripe grapes were picked into small 12 kilo perforated crates. The grapes were gently handled with minimum air contact of must, juice and wine. The juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks over three weeks at under 15 deg. C. The wine was carefully racked, filtered and bottled.

**Taste:** Despite its lovely youthful Riesling character, the wine is already showing great potential. It is developing an intense lime zest and peach varietal bouquet with hints of basil perfume which follows through to the palate showing length and elegance with a lively, crisp style and beautiful balance.

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