



FURMINT



VINTAGE 2007

Appellation: Štajerska Slovenija (cool climate white wine wine growing district in eastern Slovenia on the Croatian border)

Varietal: Šipon (synonym: Furmint)

Availability: 475 cases 12 x 75cl bottles

Vineyards: South east facing single vineyard in the Ivanjkovci commune.

Soils: light clay/sand soil on marl

Cultivation: Vines are planted in rows running down hill and single guyot pruned and trained for optimal sun exposure to foliage and fruit. Sustainable viticulture is practiced under the integrated system monitored by IPGV controlled by Institute Kon-Cert. Hand picked grapes. Yield per vine was held to under 2 kg.

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 70.000 litres.

Analysis: Alcohol: 12 % vol.
Residual sugar: 7,4 g/l
pH: 3,17
TA: 7,1 g/l

2007 Vintage: Moderate winter with little snow, which fell nearly at the end building up adequate water reserves in the soil. Later months were warmer and dryer than average. The vines started flowering on 18th of May, 3 weeks earlier than usual. Summer started hot and dry but the second half of August turned cooler, delaying what had been a very early expected vintage start date. Harvest thus began "only" 10 days earlier than usual. Autumn weather was nicely warm with cool nights.

Winemaking: We harvested Šipon on 3rd and 4th of October. Only clean and perfectly ripe grapes were picked into small 12 kilo perforated bins. We treated grapes, must, juice and wine with protective technology - minimum air contact and quick and gentle handling. 3 weeks' long fermentation in stainless steel tanks below 15 deg. C. 15% of the wine was fermented and then lees stirred for four months in new Seguin Moreau French 225 litre barriques.

Taste: Fragrant grass and white currant on the nose combined with gentle peach and quince flavour. Pleasantly fresh and well balanced on the palate. The lively acid for which this grape is known in Slovenia is nicely balanced to give a full, long flavour which will continue to mature in bottle. Ideal served with classic fish and poultry dishes.

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