



PINOT GRIS



## VINTAGE 2007

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

**Varietal:** Pinot Gris (Pinot Grigio; Sivi Pinot).

**Availability:** 930 cases 12 x 75cl bottles.

**Vineyards:** Mali Brebrovnik, Mali Kog, Radomerščak and Ivanjkovci: all selected sites in the hills behind the town of Ormoz.

**Soils:** Clay/sand on marl

**Cultivation:** The vines were pruned and trained using double or single guyot to ensure 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.

**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: 12,64 % vol.  
Residual sugar: 8,2 g/l  
pH: 3,3  
TA: 6,24 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 Pinot Gris on 14th, 16th and 18th of September. Only clean, perfect, ripe grapes were picked in small 12 kilo perforated crates. We handled the grapes, must, juice and wine using protective technology - minimum air contact and quick, gentle handling. Fermentation took place over three weeks in stainless steel tanks at under 15 deg. C.

**Taste:** Softly dry with attractive, floral aromas; full, well balanced and round on the palate with the faint hint of quince and white peach that ripe Pinot Gris shows at its best.

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