

BOOKHAM WINE CLUB MONDAY NOVEMBER 11 2019

Hungarian Wines

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White Wines

Szürkebarát 2016, Szeremley, Badacsony Region 12.5%

Szürkebarát is the Hungarian name for Pinot Gris. The grape is a pure delight giving a lovely expression of the volcanic basalt soil with the unique terroir character of Mount Badacsony. Almond blossom with soft smell & friendly acids, discreetly fruity, flowers, wooden barrel and minerality make it an exciting wine.

Dry Tokaji Furmint 2016 Chateau Megyer, Tokaji Region 12%

Furmint is Hungary's most important white wine grape. Citrus & lime aromas with lively acidity. A confident wine, retaining fruitiness & minerality. Ages very well, it's great for beefing up the cellar with something reliable.

Generosa FPV 2016 Frittmann, Kunsag Region 12.5%

The Generosa grape is a cross between Ezerjő and red Traminer, a little-known grape variety first explored in 1951. Only 400 hectares in existence, it is a rarity. Fermented in a steel tank at a cool temperature, then aged in 225L Hungarian wooden oak barrels for six months. Medium body, hints of caramel & coffee, rose & tropical yellow fruits. Aromatic pears, citrus fruits & spicy flavours are in the background.

Red Wines

Kadarka 2018, Túske Szekszard Region 11.5%

Kadarka is the oldest historic vine variety cultivated in the Szekszárd winegrowing area, a difficult and delicate grape to grow due to its thin skin. Light, red fruit aromas, cherry on the palate with delicate spices.

Kékfrankos 2018, Frittmann, Kunsag Region 12.5%

Kékfrankos is Hungary's dominant red grape variety, here from the Kunsag, the Great Plains. Aged for seven months in Hungarian oak barrels. This lively-red wine is fresh on the nose, containing notes of sour cherry, green peppers and spice.

Egri Bikaver (Bulls Blood) 2016 Korona, Eger Region 13%

One of Hungary's most popular and important red wines. Egri Bikavér literally translates as "bull's blood of Eger." Bikavér is a specific blend of grape varieties controlled by strict Hungarian wine making regulations, centred around the Hungarian grape Kékfrankos. Dark ruby colour. Lengthy aging in oak barrels produces a full-bodied red wine with a depth of flavour and a deep, spicy cherry aroma. On the palette are wild cherry, raisin notes and velvety, warm tannins thanks to the Kékfrankos. This wine is a full bodied red with a fresh & warm tannin finish.