



ROYAL TOKAJI 2013 SZT. TAMÁS, 6 Puttonyos

Varietals:	Furmint
AVA:	Tokaj, Hungary
Vineyards:	Royal Tokaji's parcels of 1 st Growth Szt. Tamás single-vineyard (100% Estate)
Alcohol:	10%
Sugar:	175.6 g/L
Total Acidity:	11.1 g/L
Bottled:	September 2016
Imported:	600 bottles

Tokaji Vineyard Classification

In 1700, 28 villages and their vineyards in Tokaji became the first European vineyards to be classified. This classification remains in effect today and has been verified by the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture as the structure for Tokaji production.

Szt. Tamás 1st growth single-vineyard

Sharing the microclimate of Nyuslászó, Szt Tamás is one of the most expensive vineyard hills in the region. Royal Tokaji own 22 parcels totaling 11 hectares of this south facing vineyard with vine age ranging from 20 to 44 years. The earth is a rich, red tinged clay due to the high mineral content in the soil.

2013 Vintage Notes

Winter was mild and it was nice to walk outside in a t-shirt in the first half of March. However Mother Nature played a joke on us at the end of the month - we suddenly had 10-12 cm snow just a few days before Easter. Many fruit orchards got severe frost but not the Tokaj vineyards as they are located along hillsides at quite high altitude. The rest of the spring was warm again.

Berry setting was not perfect because of the rain during blossoming, but it did not reduce the crop dramatically and there was no need for a heavy green harvest. Early rains transitioned to drought, but the weather was miraculous after veraison started. We had ideal conditions for developing aszú berries (botrytis-affected grapes resulting in noble rot). It had been several years since such a top vintage for botrytis/aszú, but it was well worth the wait.

Vinification

Excellent quality aszú berries with good structure and perfect botrytis were macerated in fermenting must for two days. After pressing and fermentation the wines were transferred into 300-liter second or third fill Hungarian oak casks for about three years maturation in Royal Tokaji's 13th century underground cellars.

Tasting Notes

This wine is concentrated with big structure, elegant and graceful with a nose of orange peel mixed with honey. Lively acidity provides backbone and balance with intense richness and depth. Superb now with the promise of great longevity. A true volcanic wine.

