



Royal Tokaji

2016 ESSENCIA

WINERY

Royal Tokaji was founded in 1990 by well-known author Hugh Johnson and a small group of investors who were inspired to restore and preserve Hungary's precious wine legacy after the fall of Communism. Tokaji is the world's original sweet white wine — the “cult wine” of the 18th and 19th centuries — and the Tokaj wine region was the first to have classified vineyards.

WINE

Essencia is the world's most concentrated essence of its ripest grapes, it is the 'liquid gold' that very slowly oozes from a pile of aszú grapes raisined by botrytis and climatic conditions.

VINTAGE NOTES

In 2016 we had a mild and dry winter with no serious frosts. This was followed by a long spring, with lovely, warm days but cool, almost chilly nights. The flowering season was unusually long resulting in uneven fruit set in many vineyards and across all grape varieties. From the middle of August, the botrytis began to spread all over the region and highly affected the grapes. By summer time we were quietly confident of an ideal harvest, straightforward with high quality – but July and August brought intermittent rain and hail, reducing the crop and encouraging botrytis.

WINEMAKING

Our expert pickers carefully selected the finest berries throughout September and October, and we were rewarded with a small Aszú harvest of exceptional quality. Then the free run juice - in this case from first generation berries only - was collected. A gradual and very slow alcoholic fermentation took place spontaneously, lasting over 3 years.

TASTING NOTES

Dark gold colour with reddish notes. The nose opens quite rapidly and gives a lot of botrytis and extreme complexity with lots of medlar, rosehip jelly, peach and pear. In the mouth citric, bold and complex. Outstanding candied fruit character, cornel jelly, and a nice touch of lemon balm herbs. Balanced with endless freshness and fruitiness where the high acidity balances the sweetness and contributes to a long and thrilling finish to the Essencia.

BY-THE-SPOON

2016 Essencia is offered as a single bottle (375 ml) in a red lacquer case with a crystal sipping spoon. The spoon was designed exclusively for Royal Tokaji, enabling 25 1-tablespoon pours per bottle.



VINEYARD

Region: Tokaj
Appellation: Tokaj
Age: Vines approximately 35 years old
Eco-Practices: Sustainable, Vegan

WINEMAKING

Varietals: Furmint, Hárslevelű, Muscat
Aging: A gradual and very slow alcoholic fermentation took place spontaneously, lasting over 3 years in glass demijohns.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 2%
Residual Sugar: 534.6 g/L
Total Acidity: 15.54 g/L
pH: 3.30