Royal Tokaji

2017 BETSEK – 1ST GROWTH TOKAJI ASZÚ 6 PUTTONYOS



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

In truly exceptional years Royal Tokaji selects the finest berries from its finest vineyards and carefully produces a few barrels of Single Vineyard Aszú. Betsek is a celebrated first growth located in the Mád basin that yields a singular wine showcasing citrus zest and a vibrant palate.

VINEYARDS

Betsek hill is a celebrated First Growth vineyard located in the Mád basin. Its volcanic bedrock is overlaid with rich clay mixed with dark, almost black soil and chalk white minerals. Royal Tokaji owns 15ha of south-facing parcels planted with Furmint and Hárslevelű vines with an average age of around 50 years.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 vintage shows exceptional richness, structure, and backbone, balanced by lively acidity—a distinctly volcanic expression. A hot summer led to an early start to the Aszú harvest in September, followed by ideal autumn conditions. October was especially favorable, with morning mists, sunny afternoons, and drying winds creating excellent conditions for noble rot. The resulting Aszú wines show depth, freshness, pronounced botrytis character, and impressive complexity, with strong potential for long-term aging.

WINEMAKING

The excellent Aszú berries with good structure and perfect botrytis were macerated in fermenting must for two days. After pressing and finishing fermentation in barrel, the wines were filled into Hungarian oak casks in our extensive, deep underground cellars to mature for over two years. The final blends were carefully crafted in the spring of 2020.

TASTING NOTES

This wine shows typical black pepper and orange zest character, vibrant honey and grapefruit on the palate with a long, spicy finish.

VINEYARD

Region:	Tokaj
Appellation:	Tokaj
Soil:	volcanic bedrock overlaid with rich clay, mixed with dark, almost black humus soil and chalk-white minerals
Age/Exposure:	South facing parcels with vines averaging 50 years of age
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable, Vegan

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	Furmint, Hárslevelű
Aging:	After pressing, the settled wines were filled into Hungarian oak casks in our extensive, deep underground cellars to mature for over two years.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	10.5%
Residual Sugar:	197.7 g/L
Total Acidity:	7.21 g/L
pH:	3.57