

SZENT DONÁT VOLCANIC SELECTION ROSÉ 2021

Tasting Notes and Technical Information

Szent Donát is a 15-hectare estate located on the stunning hills that run along the north side of Lake Balaton in Western Hungary. The estate has some of the best vineyards in Csopak, Tihany and the Káli basin. The winemaker and winery owner, Tamás Kovács, was born into a winemaking family with long roots in their tiny village of Csopak. They have been farming organically since 2011, and they have been using traditional low-intervention winemaking methods in the cellar since the founding of the winery.



The Volcanic Selection Rosé is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Kékfrankos from the ancient basalt volcanic soils of the Tihany peninsula. Aromas of strawberry and black cherry are met with citrus and minerals on the palate. Spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel, with rough filtration only.

Vintage: 2019 was an exceptional vintage, with balanced, high-quality grapes.

Harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand in the last week of September 2021.

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon 30%, Cabernet Franc 30%, Kékfrankos 40%.

Soil and estate: The Volcanic Selection Rosé comes from the Ráta vineyard in Tihany, which is a pure volcanic basalt tuff. The Ráta vineyard is quite steep. It is warm due to the black rocky soil, but there is a cooling effect from the nearby crater lakes.

Winemaking and fermentation: Within a few hours of being picked, the grapes are destemmed and crushed for a short maceration period with no sulfur. The wine remained on the skins overnight. After a gentle pressing, the wine was spontaneously fermented with neutral organic yeasts in open vat steel tanks. The wine was then racked and remained on the lees for 6 months with no stirring before bottling.

Aging: Aged in bottle for 6 months.

Other details: Organic farming with no pesticides or herbicides.

Technical data:

- a. Sulfur dioxide at bottling (free/total in mg/L): 17/44
- b. PH: 3.27
- c. Acid (g/L): 6
- d. C6 sugars (g/L): 6
- e. Alcohol percentage: 13%