

P.A.N.K. EGO 2022

Tasting Notes and Technical Information



Attila Pálffy is a seventh-generation winemaker in the traditional winemaking village of Köveskál, located in the Káli basin north of Lake Balaton in western Hungary. P.A.N.K. (Pálffy Attila Nemes Köveskál) is the natural wine project of Attila and his fiancée Orsolya, an homage to Attila's punk rock past. They exclusively produce small-batch, low-intervention wines made in expressive, experimental styles. The P.A.N.K. Pét-Nats were the first Pét-Nats to be approved for sale by the Hungarian government in 2018.

The Ego is a skin contact Olaszrizling from 100-year-old vines. There was no spraying of any kind on the vineyard, meaning that the output was extremely small but the resulting wine was beautiful and concentrated. The name "Ego" refers to the extreme challenges that can come up when making natural wine, even when your confidence is high. Rich honey and apricot flavors, plump on the palate, with good acidity and tannins.

Vintage: 2022 was an extremely dry, warm vintage.

Harvest: The harvest took place on September 24, 2022. Grapes were picked by hand.

Varietals: 100% Olaszrizling.

Soil and estate: The grapes come from the Vaskapu vineyard in Köveskál. The vineyard is on the higher part of the Fekete-hegy mountain. The slope faces southward and has volcanic basalt soil with some limestone. The vine stocks were planted approximately 100 years ago with a one cane pruned cordon system.

Fermentation: After destemming, the wine remained on the skin for 2 months. After removing the skins, the grapes were pressed in the traditional basket press. Fermentation was spontaneous with native yeasts with no temperature control. Aging for 1 month in a glass jug before bottling.

Other details: Zero sulfur added. No fining, filtering or disgorging. Certified organic farming, no pesticides or herbicides. 318 bottles total.

Technical data:

- a. Sulphur dioxide at bottling (free/total in mg/L): 0/0
- b. PH: 3.53
- c. Acid (g/L): 4.8
- d. C6 sugars (g/L): 0.8
- e. Alcohol percentage: 14%
- f. CO₂: 2.4 bar