

## Grand Vintage Malbec 2020

*The best grapes of each vintage grown on the best organic certified vineyards. The most suitable varieties for the terroir of Dabovets vineyard. This is the Grand Vintage brand. It consists of three exceptional varietal red wines and each of them reveals the nature of Mogilovo village and the passion of Midalidare: Syrah, Malbec, and Cabernet Franc.*

**Appellation and origin:** Red wine Malbec "Grand Vintage" from Bulgaria, PGI Thracian Lowlands, Mogilovo. Midalidare estate grown and bottled: **Dabovets** vineyard (Bio certified).

**Grape variety:** 100% Malbec from Dabovets.

**Terroir:** The vines are planted on eastern slopes of Dabovets vineyard, at average altitude 360-390 metres above sea level and 10% slope. The soils are characterized by a high content of clay with specific red colour. The temperature amplitudes are great, but the altitude prevents vines from spring frosts.

**Viticulture:** Malbec vines are of French origin, at average age of 14 years. The forming is double vertical shoot positioning (VSP or double guyot), the density is 4000 plants per hectare. The yield is controlled and reduced. Regulation of production is twofold - the first operation is always done when the height of the shoots is 15-20 cm. The second regulation is made when the bunches start to change colour, in the veraison period.

**Harvest:** The harvest takes place in the early morning, at the end of October. Manually harvested grapes are carried out with 10-12 kg boxes.

**Winemaking notes:** After 24-hour cooling the grapes are carefully double sorted by hand. At first the whole clusters are sorted and after being destemmed, the second sorting of the grapes is carried out. The fine selection of grapes enters by gravity into stainless fermenters whose shape resemble an open wooden vat, specially designed by Midalidare. There, at controlled temperature, cold soak takes place in order to obtain maximum coloring substance and fruity flavor from the skin. Gentle warming preceded the yeasts introduction and slow fermentation at controlled temperature. Major part of the blend ferments in new 400-litres French oak barrels and the rest – in stainless steel vats. A post maceration is carried out. Then the wine is drained from the fermenters and fed for ageing into 225-litres French oak barrels (barrique). Malolactic fermentation takes place under controlled temperature. The wine is aged for at least 12 months. Rough filtration, blending and bottling complete the process. Grand Vintage Malbec is not processed prior bottling so it is possible that natural sediment could form during the bottle aging.

**Tasting notes:** Extremely intensive dark ruby red colour, typical of the variety. Gorgeous bouquet with aromas of plum, ripe cherry, raisins, and spicy herbs. Attractive and memorable palate with fruity notes and spicy taste, long finish, and persistent aftertaste. **Grand Vintage Malbec** is a wine of exceptional concentration, mild but powerful with well-balanced acidity.

**Serving suggestions:** Pairs well with lean red meat, roasted pork, turkey, lamb, blue cheese, mozzarella, mushrooms, roasted potatoes and vegetables. Serve at 16-18°C, in Syrah Old World glass (mid-size stem, egg-shaped bowl, narrow rim) or regular Red wine glass. Decant at least an hour prior serving.

**Storage and maturity:** Cool and dark place, at temperature 12-15°C. Mature. Could benefit from further ageing. Ageing potential is 10 years and more.

### **Chemical Analysis:**

Alcohol content: 14.5 % vol.

Total acidity: 6.31 g/l

Residual sugar: 3.9 g/l

pH: 3.36