

GASPER

WINE OF SLOVENIA

Gasper, Malvazija 2015

PRODUCER

Gasper is located in Goriška Brda, which is the two thirds of Collio that stretches into Slovenia from Friuli-Venezia Giulia in North-Eastern Italy. Goriška Brda is blessed with a climate ideally suited to viticulture, with its proximity to both the Adriatic Sea and the Alps providing dry, warm summers with cooling breezes during the crucial ripening period. The Gasper wine estate is a joint venture between a local cooperative and the Carman family, who have been in the hospitality and wine business for over 50 years.

At the helm of the cellar is Darinko Ribolica, a respected oenologist from Goriška Brda. He uses Slovenia's local varieties, deeply rooted in Germanic, Slavic and Roman cultural influences, for creating wines in a modern, fresh style.

VINEYARDS

The Gasper vineyards are between 10 and 25 years old, and characterised by 'opoka' marl soil and excellent sun exposure on terraced, hillside rows. There is also the benefit of altitude, ranging from 80-200 metres above sea level, which helps the grapes retain acidity and aromatics. Vines are single Guyot trained and planted at a density of 4,000 to 5,000 per hectare. All picking is done by cooperative partners, family members and friends, which allows for a careful selection of fruit that enhances the quality of the final wine.

VINTAGE

Weather conditions were favourable with intense heat during the day and night. This is reflected in the distinctive aromas and characteristics of the 2015 wines. During the summer, there were many sunny days, combined with just the right amount of precipitation. Harvest started in the first half of September and ended on 1st October.

VINIFICATION

Fruit was pressed in a pneumatic press and then fermented and matured in stainless steel containers. No malolactic fermentation was allowed to take place to preserve the freshness and fruit character of the grapes.

TASTING NOTES

The Malvazija is the same grape variety as Malvasia Istriana, native to the Croatian and Slovenian coastal areas that used to belong to Italy. The wine has a golden colour with bright green flashes. Intense aromas of tropical fruit and ground almonds give way to floral notes of acacia. The palate is fruity and pleasantly soft, with distinct almond flavours that continue on the finish. This unique variety is known for being taut and zesty, but also slightly honeyed in character.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2015
Region	Goriška Brda
Grape Varieties	100% Malvasia Istriana
Winemaker	Darinko Ribolica
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	13%
Bottle Sizes	75cl