

BENEDEK PINCE PINOT NOIR



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The Benedek family winery lies in the heart of the Mátra Mountains in northern Hungary. The estate in Gyöngyöstarján is hilly, with good drainage and regular breeze. The topsoil is thin and the deeper layers have a high clay content, which keeps moisture on the vines during the dry summer months. The soil is volcanic, rich with chalk, andesite, and rhyolite. It is organically farmed since 2011. Natural fermentation methods. After destemming and crushing, the wine was spontaneously fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel, where it is fermented for 7 months. Bottle aging only. Rough filtration only and unfiltered. Low sulfites added. No pesticides or herbicides used.

Péter Benedek, a third-generation winemaker crafting small-batch, traditional wines, is one of the undisputed talents in the highland wine region of Mátra, northern Hungary. Benedek Pince is a small estate in harmony with nature, and the wines reflect the Benedeks' love and care for the grapes. The cellar used today was built by Péter's grandparents. Péter studied enology at university, and worked for half a year at a winery in Napa, California. During those years, he absorbed a lot of useful information and became more open-minded about the wine world. Today, he tries to use this innovation in his winery. He is making wines from his small estate with his parents and brother; Péter is the winemaker, while his brother Balázs helps out in the cellar and his parents help tend the vineyards. They originally harvested only 3.7 acres; today, the estate is 42 acres and growing.

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