

SZENT DONÁT RIZLING



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From grapes grown in the Sáfránkert vineyard, which sits below the Szent Donát estate, on the Tihany peninsula, in the winemaking region of Balatonfüred-Csopak in central Hungary. The soil in the vineyard is rich in 300-million-year-old red Permian clay sandstone, rich in iron and minerals. The grapes were harvested by hand, destemmed and crushed for a short maceration period with no sulfur, remaining on the skins for 4 hours, then gently pressed. Fermented spontaneously in open stainless-steel tanks. Remained on the lees for 6 months with no stirring. Bottled without clarification or filtration, low sulfites added. Bottle aged 6 months.

Organic farming with no pesticides or herbicides.

The Szent Donát estate, named after the protector of the wine harvest and the patron saint of Csopak, Saint Donát, was founded in 1994 by the Kovács family. The family has been in the village of Csopak and the Káli basin for over 200 years, and their love of grapes and their winemaking traditions have carried on through the generations. The estate lies along the stunning northern slopes of Lake Balaton and includes some of the best parcels in Csopak, Tihany, and the Kál basin. Tamás Kovács, the winemaker at Szent Donát, is passionate about the different terroirs that run along Csopak's hillsides facing Lake Balaton. He not only makes wines according to varietal, but according to soil type - limestone, red sandstone, and black basalt. The winery has been organic since 2015, and Tamás works with spontaneous fermentation, low or no sulfur, and little or no fining and filtering in the cellar. The winery is known for its clean, terroir-driven wines and its incredible views overlooking Lake Balaton.

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