

# DÚSZI TAMÁS KÉKFRANKOS ROZÉ



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The Kékfrankos vineyards are 45 years old and located on the hill of Sióagárd-Lányvár, northwest from Szekszárd, near the Sió River in south Hungary. One of the plots faces south, the other faces east. The climate is sub-Mediterranean, and the soil is loess with clay with limestone. Organic and sustainable farming for over 20 years, and recently transitioning toward biodynamic farming. Healthy grapes were harvested at optimum ripeness by hand and taken to the winery in small crates. The grapes are not pressed, and after a few hours of skin contact the skins are removed and the juice is transferred to tanks outside for stabilization. Spontaneous fermentation with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks. Aged a few months before bottling. Unfined.

Tamás Dúzi Sr. has long been an important figure in Hungarian winemaking. After graduating from the University of Pécs in viticulture and enology, he worked for many years as a horticultural engineer, teacher, winemaker, and winemaking consultant. It was not until the early 1990s that he purchased his own estate in Szekszárd under the “Land Compensation” scheme, which allowed former landowning families to re-acquire land that was nationalized under communism. Tamás Dúzi thus started his estate, comprised of only 8.15 acres of Kékfrankos grape. Since then, his winery has become a leading institution of the wine community of Szekszárd, harvesting 400 tons of grapes every year to make around 25 different types of wine. His wines have received widespread national and international acclaim. Today the vineyard covers more than 98 acres. Tamás Dúzi is the father of 7 and 3 of his sons are involved in winemaking at the estate.

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