

VILLA TOLNAY NÉVTELEN



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The grapes come from the vineyard directly below the winery on Csobánc hill. The soils are volcanic and intensely rocky, with clay, sand, basalt, and ancient Pannonian sea sedimentation. The grapes were harvested by hand. After destemming and a quick press, the wine was spontaneously fermented with native yeasts in French Boutes barriques (50%) and Stockinger oak barrels (lightly toasted) (50%). Fermentation was on the lees. The wine was then aged for an additional 18 months in barrels. Very low sulfites added. Certified organic farming, unfiltered, unfinned and vegan.

On the southern slopes of the dormant volcano Csobánc lies Villa Tolnay, a historic estate formerly owned by the famous Hungarian actress Klari Tolnay. Csobánc is one of the “witness hills” that makes up the Badacsony wine region on the northern shores of Lake Balaton, and today is largely unpopulated despite its long history of winemaking. Philipp Oser purchased the property (57 acres of vineyards) in 2004 and immediately recognized its potential for creating wines driven by the unique volcanic terroir. Wines from Villa Tolnay are full-bodied and dry, with deep fruit notes, a strong minerality, high acid, and long aging potential. Philipp’s wines reflect the power of the Csobánc terroir, which causes well-known varietals to take on an extraordinary and delicious character.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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