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This unfiltered and natural red blend is from Malatinszky's top-tier organic estate in Hungary's southernmost wine region, Villány. The grapes come from the Kövesfóld slope of the Máriagyűd vineyard. The name "Kövesfóld" translates to "chalky hill." The soil is chalk, covered with brown forest soil rich in loess and clay. The slopes are southern facing. The vines were planted in 2003. Certified organic farming, no pesticides or herbicides. The grapes were harvested by hand. Fermentation occurred spontaneously with native yeasts under controlled temperatures in stainless steel. Aged in steel tanks on the lees for 8 months before bottling. Unfiltered/Unfined, vegan, no sulfur added.

The historic Malatinszky Family estate has produced wine in the south of Hungary for over eight centuries. After working for years as a sommelier in Budapest and France, Csaba Malatinszky re-established the property in 1997 and was the first person to re-introduce Cabernet Franc to the region after the fall of communism. Since then, Malatinszky's wines have garnered international acclaim for their complexity that expresses Villány's unique microclimate and terroir. The winery is one of the most respected estates in Hungary today. They achieved full organic certification in 2009 and continue to produce some of the finest examples of Cabernet Franc in the world.

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