

LENKEY PINCÉSZET 2013 HÁRSLEVELU VÁLOGATÁS



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This is Lenkey's Hárslevelű selection from 2013, which he describes as his favorite vintage since 1999. The best Hárslevelű grapes were selected from the Úrágya, Vilmány, Holdvölgy, and Betsek vineyards in Mád. Úrágya is their most mineral-rich vineyard, full of hard rhyolite stones. The surface of these stones is painted red by iron oxide, and this vineyard has the most complex clay. Holdvölgy is highly mineral as well, with volcanic tuff, rhyolite, and red clay. Vilmány faces south and is composed of red clay with detritus. Betsek faces southeast as well; it is composed of white tuff with zeolite and red clay, with abundant levels of iron and aluminum. Harvested by hand. Whole cluster pressing. The wine was spontaneously fermented with native yeasts in large new and used Hungarian oak barrels, and subsequently aged for 3 years in Hungarian oak and 4.5 years in bottle.

Géza Lenkey's father founded their family winery in 1999. Today the winery is 25 acres, comprised of 15 parcels in 8 different vineyards in Mád and Bodrogeresztúr. Their old wine cellar was built in traditional style in the 15th century by the diligent people of Mád. It has forty-one steps leading to the seven branches of the cellar, at a depth of 12 meters. They have been practicing organic since 2005, and were certified organic in 2015. In the cellar, Géza uses no added yeast, sugar, or acid, and does not block malolactic fermentation. He is known for his bold experimental style, especially when it comes to aging his wines.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:



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