



ROYAL TOKAJI 2013 GOLD LABEL, 6 Puttonyos

Varietals: Furmint, Hárslevelű, Zeta
AVA: Tokaj, Hungary
Vineyards: Royal Tokaji's 1st and 2nd Growth Vineyards (100% Estate)
Alcohol: 10.5%
Sugar: 188.3 g/L
Total Acidity: 8.1 g/L
Bottled: May 18, 2016

Gold Label 6 puttonyos is the ultimate expression of its region and is the result of two separate selections. After harvest the very best juice from each vineyard is selected and vinified separately. After 2-3 years, sometimes more, barrels which most closely reflect their particular terroir are chosen for bottling as Single Vineyard aszú wines and the remainders are blended to produce Gold Label.

2013 Vintage Notes:

Winter was mild, and it was nice to walk outside in a t-shirt in the first half of March. However Mother Nature played a joke on us at the end of the month - we suddenly had 10-12 cm snow just a few days before Easter. Many of the other fruit orchards got severe frost but not the Tokaj vineyards as they are located along hillsides at quite high altitude. The rest of the spring was warm again.

Berry setting was not perfect because of the rain during blossoming but it did not reduce the crop dramatically. It was enough to avoid the need of a heavy green harvest. Early rains transitioned to drought, but the weather was miraculous after veraison started. We had ideal conditions for developing aszú berries (botrytis-affected grapes resulting in noble rot). The late summer hot, dry weather around Mád is one of the reasons that not a lot of aszú wines were made. However, their quality was excellent as evidenced by the grapes' large berry size and their thin skin by the middle of July.

It had been several years since such a top vintage for botrytis/aszú, but it was well worth the wait. It is already obvious that 2013 is among top vintages for Royal Tokaji regarding the quality of both dry and sweet/aszú wines – only time will tell if 2013 proves to be one of the all-time great vintages.

Tasting Notes:

Rich, intense nose, hints of grapefruit and spice. Full-flavored with citrus, peach and apricot fruit and a fine balance of sweetness and acidity. Long, crisp finish.



Royal Tokaji introduces Gold Label 6 Puttonyos, a step up from the lauded Red Label 5 Puttonyos:

| Wine | Red Label 5 Puttonyos | Gold Label 6 Puttonyos |
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| Grape source | Estate and purchased fruit | Estate – all 1 st and 2 nd growths |
| Grape class | Class 1 and 2 (of 1, 2, 3, with 1 as best) | Class 1 only |
| Puttonyos | Labelled 5, but technically 6 puttonyos | Labelled 6, but technically 7 puttonyos |