

Dessert wine Muscat Damiana

DAMIANITZA

Origin

Country	Bulgaria
Wine Region	PGI Thracial Lowlands
Winery	Damianitza Winery

Technical Data

Grape Varieties	Muscat
Type	Dessert white wine
Vintage	1964
Alcohol by Volume	18,0%
Bottle Sizes Available	375 ml
Closure	Natural cork

Vinification	Very ripe grapes were picked by hand at a time when the sugar content was at least 24%. The fermentation took place in large wooden barrels. When the sugar in the fermentation must had dropped, alcohol had been added, which stopped the fermentation, preserving the grape sugar and increasing the alcohol content of the wine.
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Ageing	Year after year, while maturing in oak barrels, the precious liquid was stored in the cellar during the winter and sat in the open under the Melnik sun from early April to late October. When accidentally discovered in 1998, more than 1/3 of the volume of each barrel was missing as a result of evaporation, leaks and carelessness. These decades of oblivion, however, create this unique magical substance - two Bulgarian grape varieties, Bulgarian winemakers and lost and rediscovered... in a very Bulgarian way. After its discovery in 1998, the wine was bottled without further processing and without being filtered.
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Description

In Brief	The history of this wine is remarkable. Two five-ton oak barrels (one with Melnik and the other with Muscat) were left forgotten in the winery in a dark, poorly ventilated room above ground, a concrete roof and two external brick walls. For years, the wine there was protected only by moisture. Before it was forgotten without anyone knowing the reason for this, it is obvious that the wine was created with great care. This is a wine with almost 60 years of history now and with undoubtedly excellent tasting characteristics - history in a bottle.
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Tasting notes	Beautiful colour of old gold with amber hues. Rich and attractive aroma of raisins, dried fruits, honey, vanilla, caramel and exotic spices. Sweet and very soft taste, with preserved freshness, well harmonized with the sweetness. Very long aftertaste, dominated by dried fruit. An exceptional wine worthy of a prestigious collection.
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Food Pairing	Excellent on its own, for an optimal tasting experience. A wine that is tasted once in a lifetime.
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