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SAUVIGNON BLANC



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Appellation: Štajerska Slovenija (cool climate white wine region in eastern Slovenia on the Croatian border).

Varietal: Sauvignon blanc.

Availability: 1700 cases 12 x 75cl bottles.

Vineyards: The grapes came from selected sites in the Mali Brebrovnik, Mali Kog, Litmerk and Ivanjkovci slopes and communes.

Soils: Calcareous base rock with clay/sand soil on marl mostly at steep sites, with predominant clay at Mali Kog vineyard.

Cultivation: Vines were pruned and trained by single guyot to ensure optimal sun exposure to fruit and foliage. Sustainable viticulture is practiced under the integrated system monitored by IPGV. Hand picked grapes.

Winery: Well equipped, small modern winery was set up by Verus Vineyards Ltd. This company was founded in May 2007 by Božidar Grabovac, Rajko Žličar and Danilo Šnajder. Winery capacity is 80.000 litres.

Analysis:

Alcohol:	12,5 % vol.
Residual sugar:	7,7 g/l
pH:	3,2
TA	7,1 g/l

2008 Vintage: The vintage was slightly colder than average. There were many hail storms - luckily not lethal for us. Careful work in the vineyard, sufficient water supply in the soil and moderate temperatures during ripening season, followed by dry windy autumn, created and preserved plentiful natural varietal cool climate aromas in the grapes. Wines tastes therefore fresh and pleasant.

Winemaking: We harvested Sauvignon Blanc on 13th, 18th and 20th and 27th of September. Only clean, perfectly ripe grapes were picked into small 12 kilo perforated crates. We handled the grapes, must, juice and wine using protective technology - minimum air contact and quick, gentle handling. Fermentation took place over three weeks in stainless steel tanks at under 15°C. After fermentation the wines remained on yeast lees for a few weeks to build mouth feel. No fining, gentle filtration and early bottling.

Taste: Vibrant fruit with the classic gooseberry, passionfruit and nettles aromas; good depth of flavour and length. Crisp and elegant on the palate.

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