



Name: Franc Kačičnik Frankinja

Classification: Dry red wine

Variety: 100% Blaufrankisch

Appellation: Lower Styria (Štajerska)

Vine Training: Double-guyot, average vine age is 35 years

Density & Yield 8,000 Vines/ha; 1,5 kg/vine

Annual Production: 700 bottles

Alcohol: 10%

Climate: Continental cool climate, with snowy and cold winters, and sunny and mild spring, with sun-drenching summers.

Terrain: The terrain of the entire Štajerska region is made up of steep-sloped vineyards and narrow, wind-rich hill valleys. A diverse geological soil composition, consisting mainly of sand and clay with marl in the lower layers. The vineyards is located on steep 30-45° slope with southern-exposure, 350 meters above sea level.

Farming: No irrigation. Environmentally friendly cultivation, following the integrated farming guidelines of Slovenia.

Vinification: Manual harvest of totally clean, healthy grapes, de-stemmed, barrel fermented with no added yeasts, and then matured for one year in used and new oak on lees. Bottled with little sulphur addition without filtration.

Tasting Notes: A beautiful, delicate and subtle representative of the Blaufrankisch variety. On the nose, dark black cherry, blackberry aromas, with a slightly smoky and peppery and chalky minerality. On the palate it has a cool structure with bright fruit, high toned blackberries, tart chery, herbs, and a subtle peppery note. Deep but fresh finish complimented by balanced acidity and fleshy tannins.

Winery: Posestvo Bela gora (White hill estate) is a small family-owned vineyard and winery that is producing vibrant and authentic wines from Štajerska grape varieties. Vinum was introduced to this small estate when discovering that, Radojko Pelengic, the talented winemaker of Sanctum (and former assistant winemaker at Heaps Good Wine Co., under Nick Gee), also had a small family winery of his own along with his wife Martina, down the road in Dramlje. Rado and Martina produce a teeny amount of wine out of their small family winery, but the wines scream with expression, typicity and love.

Their small 1-hectare vineyard is planted on the hill, Bela gora, near the town of Dramlje in the region of Štajerska, northeastern Slovenia. The name of the settlement, which is also the name of the winery's white cuvee (Stilj), was changed from Šent Ilj (literally, 'Saint Giles') to Dramlje in 1955. Our cellar was built in 1951 a year after our vineyard was planted by our grandfather Franc Kačičnik, whose name is on the wine bottles today.