



**Name:** Frank Kacicnik Skinzy

**Classification:** Dry white wine

**Varietals:** Field Blend - unfixed %s of all indigenous varietals in Dramlje vineyards: the varieties are mixed, Chasselas both white and red, Traminer, Riesling, Javor, Welschriesling, Šipon, Kraljevina, Ranfol, Miška, etc.

**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:** 2,500 bottles

**Alcohol:** 11%

**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:** Organic in practice; environmentally friendly cultivation, following the integrated farming guidelines of Slovenia.

**Vinification:** Manual harvest of totally clean, healthy grapes, de-stemmed, all co-fermented and macerated on the skins in small open vats for the entire fermentation (approx. 3 weeks) then pressed into inox and settled down for 4 months until bottling. Bottled with very little sulfur addition and without filtration.

**Tasting Notes:** Rado makes wines of tremendous vivacity and brightness. Skinzy was meant to be a macerated field blend, but trying to maintain a level of liveliness and freshness that you get from the Dramlje terroir while balancing the fun and exotic secondary notes from the skin contact. Rado's family's vineyards are particularly higher elevation and in a cooler area, combined with the fact that his cellar is a teeny underground stone cellar that maintains a constant ambient low temperature, this allows for his delicate style through gentle and slow natural fermentations that produce elegant wines with lower alcohol.

**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.