



Alexandra Estate Reserve Red 2011

Technical Details

Clasification	Alexandra Estate Reserve Red
Blend	30 % Merlot, 30 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 20 % Cabernet Franc, 20 % Syrah
Vintage	2011
Appellation	Thracian Valley
Soil type	Sandy loam and calcareous clay
Exposition of vineyards	Northern
Altitude	300 m
Planting density	5680 vines/ ha
Vine trellising system	Guyo double
Grape yield	40 hl/ ha
Barrel aging	12 months
Bottle aging	6 months
Harvest date	5.10.2011

Region

Thracian Valley is a part of the big Bulgarian Southern wine region. It is well protected from cold winds by the Balkan Mountains and additionally protected southward by the central part of the Rhodope Mountains.

Vinification

The picking, carried out entirely by hand, took the different grape varieties into consideration, but also the exposure and the altitude of the various parcels of the vineyard.

The plots were harvested one by one to enable the grapes to be fermented on the basis of the special characteristics, the particular expressions, of the their terroir.

In the cellars, the grapes were for 12 hours for cooling, destemmed and then went to the manual sorting tables. In this phase the attention to detail was at maximum levels, the objective was that of excluding that small percentage of shriveled or overripe berries in order to bring only perfect grapes.

During the fermentation and the period of skin contact in the French oak barriques, the must was gradually transformed into wine, and extreme care was given to the aromas, to the extraction of color, and to a handling of tannins aimed at sweetness and elegance.

After its separation from the skins, the wine was put again in the oak barriques to complete malolactic fermentation – to add additional finesse and drinking pleasure.

The wine matured in the oak for 12 months and then blended a few months before bottling.

Tasting notes

Rich and brilliant purplish color. Impressive nose, filled with concentrated aromas of red fruit, tobacco, leather and spice, exquisitely weaved French oak. The taste is rich, powerful and elegant. Memorable, long aftertaste.