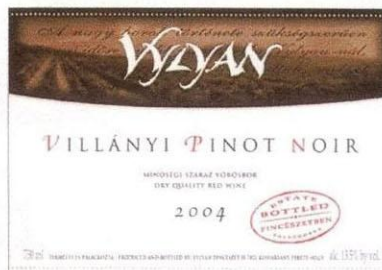


Vylyan

This pioneering property was the result of the efforts and vision of Pál Debreczeni, a wealthy businessman and wine connoisseur. Appalled by the mediocrity of Hungarian red wines of the 1980s, he planted his first vines in 1992 in an area with a very warm climate where the soil has a deep layer of silt over limestone. He decided to use traditional varieties combined with some Bordeaux varieties that had given promising results when planted by pioneers like Attila Gere. He sought the advice of a number of expert consultants, including the Hungarian Tibor Kovács of Hétszölő and Jean-Pierre Confuron of Vosne-Romanée in Burgundy (to make the Pinot Noir wine that he is so fond of). With his wife Monica, Pál Debreczeni established a domaine that quickly became noticed for its perfectionism and daring. He died in 2004, but Monica continues to run the enterprise with similar energy. Villány is a terroir best suited to the production of full-bodied red wines, enjoying a highly favorable sub-Mediterranean microclimate. Varieties that particularly suit these conditions are Portugieser (Kekoporto), Blaufränkisch (Kekfrankos), and its hybrid, Zweigelt. However, the Cabernet Sauvignon gives more complex wines with an excellent maturity of tannins. Its refined character plays an important role in the original style of the Cuvée Duennium, a wine that gives eloquent expression to the characteristics of the local terroir while still meeting international criteria.



VINE VARIETY

309 acres (125 hectares) white: Chardonnay; red: Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Zweigelt, Kekporto, Kekfranko.

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This enterprising property makes clever use of a combination of international and traditional local grape varieties. The Pinot Noir has become one of the finest in Europe, while the Duennium cuvée, a blend of Cabernet and local varieties, is gaining in complexity with each year that passes. Those who like a full-bodied wine will choose the Zweigelt, an intense and convincing wine of great originality.



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