

ZOMBORY PINCE

TOKAJI ASZÚ
6 PUTTONYOS
2008



Winery: **Zombory Pince Kft.**
Winemaker: **János Árvay**
Appellation (DOP): **Tokaj**
Type: **botrytized dessert white wine**
Variety: **80% Furmint / 20% Hárslevelű**
Vintage: **2008**
Yield by ha: **400 kg of aszú grapes**
Harvest practice: **Manual**
Harvest: **Late October**
Vineyard: **Istenhegy and Padihegy hill slopes**
Filtration: **coarse filtered**
Casks: **Hungarian oak from the Zemplén forests**
Ageing in barrels: **36 months**
Ageing in bottles: **48 months**
Alcohol: **10.45% vol.**
Residual Sugar: **161 g/l**

TERROIR AND WINEMAKING

The misty mornings and the sunny afternoons of the long autumns in the volcanic Tokaj-Hegyalja hill slopes engender the ideal conditions for the development of the noble rot or botrytis cinerea, a mould which slowly covers the sweet mature grapes, resulting in a loss of moisture shrinking them to a raisin-like berry extremely rich in sugar. The botrytis will give the wine its rich fruity caramel aroma, so typical of the aszú's extraordinary bouquet which makes it so different to the late harvests or ice wines which are not botrytized wines.

The botrytis shriveled grapes, the aszú berries, hand-picked individually in late October or early November are stored for a 48 hours maceration in 500 lt bins in must or new wine producing the aszú mash (dough), which is then pressed and vinified following the traditional methods used in Tokaj since the early XVII century. After fermentation, the 2008 Zombory Pince 6 Puttonyos Aszú was aged during three years in oak barrels stored in underground caves with constant temperature and humidity, followed by 48 months of further maceration in 500 cc bottles.

TASTING NOTES

A gorgeous full bodied wine of light amber golden colour. Fruity caramel aroma, the "amaretti" aftertaste so typical of the great aszús, and a wonderful balance of sweetness with a subtle acidity of citrus and apricot.

AWARDS



Decanter World Wine Awards 2014 (DWWA)
Silver Medal



International Wine Challenge (IWC)
Bronze Medal (England)

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