AUTOCHTHON ROUGE 2022

The first vintage of the cuvée of the autochthon red grape varieties as ***'Kék bakator'***, ***'Kékfrankos'*** *(aka Blaufränkisch in Austria)*, ***'Hajnos kék'*** *(Gouais Noir)* and ***'Kadarka'***.

Vintage: 2022 was an extremely dry and warm year. Local annual precipitation was only 475 mm, which is well below the annual average of 650 mm, causing extreme drought during the season with extremely uneven distribution.

Vinification: the different varieties were picked in different dates around mid-Sept and were fermented separately:

— '*Kék bakator*' (47%): it was fermented in flottation-style of 50% whole bunch direct press juice and 50% whole bunch swimming in the juice;

— '*Kékfrankos*' (31%): the half part was fermented as a direct press juice in a barrel, the rest in whole cluster fermentation;

— *'Hajnos kék*' (13%): it was fermented in flottation-style of 50% stomped juice with 50% whole clusters;

— and finally *'Kadarka'* (9%) part was fermented in flottation style of 50% stomped juice with 40% hand-destemmed berries and 10% whole clusters.

In november we blended the fresh young wines and they were racked to stoneware vessels for aging without sedimentation. Bottled at 30th of August, 2023.

Plots:

❶ **Kék bakator** *'Cseresznyefás' — 'the plot next to the cherry tree'*: 0.5 hectares of massal selection on a guyot system in *'Rókaluki'*, planted in 2020 at an altitude of 130 metres on dense basalt, next to a large, old cherry tree from which the plot takes its name.

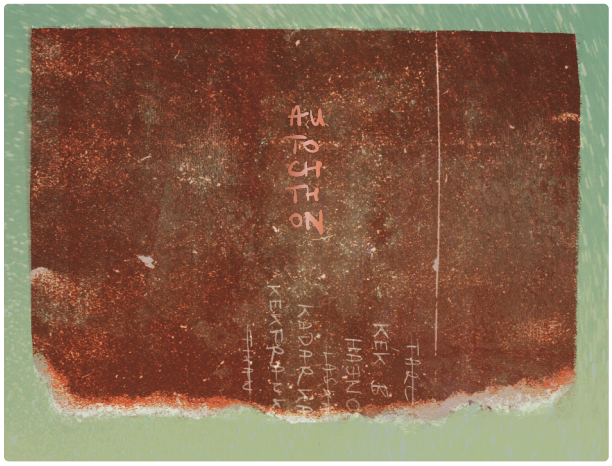
❷ **Kék bakator** *'Sárgaház' — 'the plot next to the yellow house'*: a small massal selection guyot plantation at the highest point of *'Rókaluki'*, at an altitude of 135 metres, planted in 2021. The soil here is a mixture of clay, basalt and sandy-calcareous bedrock.

❸ **Kékfrankos** *'Rókaluki'*: 2 hectares of Kékfrankos, 2 kind of massale selection and the A4 single clone on double cordon planted in 2017 at an altitude of 120-125 metres on clay and sandy-calcareous bedrock.

❹ **Hajnos kék** *'Rókaluki'*: an experimental microplot of 500 vines at the top point of 'Rókaluki' at 130-133 metres.

❺ **Kadarka** *'Templomdombi'* — A small, 0.2-hectare terrace of massal selection bush vines in the *'Templomdombi'*, at an altitude of 184 metres, planted in two passes in 2020 and 2021. The terrace area can be divided into three sections with completely different topsoil profiles: 1) dense basalt, 2) clay and forest, and 3) sand and calcareous.

❻ **Kadarka** *'Rókaluki'* — Another small massal selection guyot plantation at the highest point of *'Rókaluki'* on 135 meter altitude planted in 2021. Here the soil is clay and some basalt and sandy-calcarious bedrock.



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Balatonmelléki oltalom alatt álló földrajzi jelzésű száraz **vörös** szűretlen bor / dry **red** unfiltered wine
palackozta / bottled by: Bencze Szőlőbirtok Kft
8265 Hegymagas, Kossuth utca 9.
szulfitokat tartalmaz / contains sulphites
product of Hungary

HU-ÖKO-02
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BENCZE

11% vol

JHA: LOOF
LAUTR2201

750 ml

Harvest: 14/09 at ❶❷, 22-24/09 at ❸, 21/09 at ❹, 06/09 at ❺❻
Elevage: 11 months in stoneware vessels
Blending: 14/11/2022
Bottling: 30th of August, 2023
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Alcohol: 11,07 %
Residual sugar: 0,4 g/l
Titratable acidity: 6,3 g/l
Volatile acidity: 1,04 g/l
Total sulfur dioxide: *undetectable (< 10 mg/L)*
Free sulfur dioxide: *undetectable (< 5 mg/L)*
pH: 3,29
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NÉBIH: LOOF
LOT numbers: LAUTR2201, LAUTR2202, LAUTR2203
volumes: 0,75L and 1,5L
organic certified by HU-ÖKO-02