



Croatia

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The country is divided into two main wine producing regions, the Coastal and the Continental and within these there are some 300 geographically defined areas. The focus is very much on the indigenous grape varieties.

**Antunovic Winery
Peljesac Peninsula**

White Wines

Rukatac (Marastina) 2016 89 2017-20
Rukatac (Marastina) 100%

Tasted in D'Vino Wine Bar Dubrovnik A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has a mix of fresh fruits the palate citrusy mineral at the start. Ripe pear gives richness in the middle depth of fruit at the back with the lime lemon mix the flint and mineral refreshing the finish.

**Franc Arman
Western Istria**

Red Wines

Teran 2007 92 2012-16
Tasted at the LWTF May 2012

There is a lovely wild berry mix on the nose with bramble and red cherry backed by fresher bilberry. The palate has layers of flavour a mid suppleness from ripe tannins and a lovely wild slightly rustic feel at the back.

**Adzic Wines
Kutjevo
Slavonia**

White Wines

Pinot Sivi 2015 86 2017-19
Tasted in Split June 2017

The nose has rich fruit the palate is very fleshy full bodied with ripe pineapple. Slightly fresher at the back but it fills out on the finish fleshy and rich.

Bacic Winery
Island of Korcula

White Wines

Cetinka 2016 **93** **2017-20**
Cetinka 100%

Tasted in Villa Koruna Mali Ston A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose is fresh the palate has a mix of grapefruit, greengage and lemon layers of interest. There is more depth at the back with a mix of mineral and fresh fruits brightening the finish.

Bibich Winery
North Dalmatia

Sparkling Wines

Bibich Brut NV **89**
Debit

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has a mix of citrus fruits the palate bright and fresh. Slightly richer in the middle there is a balance of fresh fruits and white peach with floral freshness on the finish.

Bartul Cebalo
Lumbarda
Island of Korcula

White Wines

Grk 2013 **95** **2014-19**

Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014

The nose has the freshness of limes and lemons and the start of the palate has the same mix of citrus flavours. There is more depth on the mid palate pear and pineapple complex layers of flavour with freshness yet depth of flavour at the back and on the finish.

Grk 2016 **93** **2017-20**
Grk 100%

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has rich mix of fruits the palate breadth of flavour grapefruit a hint of greengage. Steely freshness underneath there is a backbone of citrus and mineral richer at the back depth on the finish.

Rosé Wines

Rosé 2016 88 2017-18

Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Fragrant and fresh the nose has rose petals and red fruits the palate light with bitter cherry. A hint of sweetness is underpinned by fresh fruits the finish light, fresh and fragrant.

Red Wines

Plavac Mali 2012 89 2017-20

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Black fruits dominate the nose has a rich mix of flavours the fruit sweet and ripe. Firmer in the middle structure but the tannins are fine and integrated the finish has bramble and black cherry with just a hint of maturity.

Bartulovic Winery Peljesac Peninsula

White Wines

Rukatac 2015 89 2017-20

Rukatac 100%

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

White flowers and citrus the nose is bright the palate richer with ripe greengage. The mid richness is balanced by freshness bright at the back fragrant and bright the finish more depth richer flavours.

Rosé Wines

Bartul Rosé 2016 88 2017-19

Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Both nose and palate have strawberries depth of fruit the mid palate lighter with fresh red fruits. Wild strawberries at the back give richness the finish though fresher a mix of red fruits.

Red Wines

Dingac 2012**87 2014-20****Plavic Mali 100%***Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

A touch herbal on the nose with fresh fruit on the palate lots of bilberries. The tannins in the middle are firm but at the back there is some sweet fruit that gives more depth and richness then the obvious tannins tend to take over drying the finish.

Bartul 2015**92 2017-22****Plavac Mali 100%***Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Fresh fruits the nose is bright bramble and bilberry, herbal and spicy. Freshness at the start there is more depth on the mid palate black cherry with a touch of chocolate the mid sweetness is balanced by a fresh herbal mix of black fruits.

Dingac 2015**93 2018-25****Plavac Mali 100%***Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

The nose has brooding richness the palate supple fleshy a powerful mix of black fruits. Ripe and rich in the middle the fleshy black fruits backed by ripe red lush sweet on the finish.

Sweet Red Wines**Dingac Late Harvest 2015****93 2017-22****Plavac Mali 100%***Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Power depth of fruit the nose has a concentrated mix of fruits the palate chocolate rich but there is underlying freshness bilberries and blueberries. The tannins at the back are firm but the rich ripe fruit fills out the finish.

Bartul Zure Winery**Lumbarda****Island of Korcula****White Wines****Grk 2016****87 2017-20****Grk 100%***Tasted in Restaurant Maestral Island of Mljet A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Lime, lemon, mineral the nose is fresh the start of the palate has crisp apple the mid palate fresh. The back palate is fuller but it finishes firm, fresh and mineral.

**Benmosché
Peljesac Peninsular
South Dalmatia**

Red Wines

Dingac 2011 89 2014-20
Plavic Mali 100%

Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014

Although the nose appears firm there is sweetness at the back the red cherry on the palate giving some richness. The layers of red and black fruits of freshness yet sweetness give some complexity with tannins coming through on the back palate slightly drying the finish.

Dingac 2012 90 2017-21
Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose is light fragrant with red fruits the start of the palate has white pepper spiciness. Sweet in the middle ripe red fruits a trace of black and although sweet on the back palate the finish has red fruit freshness.

Zinfandel 2012 85 2017
Zinfandel 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has hints of leafy oxidation the palate is light with spicy red fruits. Leafy and nutty at the back the fruit is beginning to slide.

**Benvenuti
Hrvatska Primorje
Istria Littoral**

Red Wines

Teran 2012 92 2017-20
Teran 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Bramble and black cherry the nose is fresh the palate rich with concentrated fruit depth in the middle power and richness. There is balance with fine tannins fresher at the back with pepper spice excitement on the finish.

Sweet White Wines

Muskat San Salvatore 2011**95 2017-23****Muscat Momjanski 100%***Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Ripe apricots, candied peel the nose is sweet rich the palate opulent sumptuous orange marmalade in a bottle. Fresh fruit citrus underpins lovely balance the ripe fruit the peaches, apricots filling out the back palate and giving fleshy richness on the finish

**Vinarija Bire
Lumbarda
Island of Korcula**

White Wines**Grk 2015****93 2017-21****Grk 100%***Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017**Tasted in Villa Koruna Mali Ston A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Bright on the nose the palate has mineral and lime freshness flinty crispness in the middle. Breadth of flavour at the back rich fruit grapefruit and greengage the finish is leaner with mineral excitement.

Rosé Wines**Rosé 2016****89 2017-18****Plavac Mali 100%***Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

The nose is very light and fragrant the palate fresh with redcurrants and cherries. A hint of mid sweetness the back palate fresher the finish is light and fragrant.

Red Wines**Plavac Mali 2015****90 2017-22***Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Bright fresh red fruits dominate the fresh start gives way to sweetness ripe fruit on the mid palate. Depth at the back the finish is lighter with fresh red fruits.

Plavac Mali 2013**91 2017-21***Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Depth of fruit on the nose the start of the palate has a mix of black fruits the mid richness balanced by bramble. Peppery fresh fruits at the back but there is richness on the finish fleshy ripe black and red cherry.

**Bodren Winery
Zagorje Region**

Sweet White Wines

Pinot Sivi Icewein 2013 95 2017-23

Tasted in Lilley July 2017

The fruit on the nose is sweet with ripe apricots and peaches the palate has the fleshy richness of black figs and candied peel, honeyed pears a complex mix of flavours. Tangerine under the richness gives balance slightly lighter at the back a hint of mineral with the sweet ripe fruit giving fleshy richness on the finish.

**Bolfan Wines
Zagorje Region**

White Wines

Bolfan "Libertin" Pinot Gris 2011 88 2013-16

Tasted at the Carlton Club July 2013

There is a rich mix of flavours on the nose peachy tropical fruit and the start of the palate is the same full almost fleshy rich flavours. Towards the back it feels fresher with more of a citrus character and a touch of slate mineral on the finish.

**Boskinac Winery
Island of Pag**

White Wines

Gegić 2015 93 2017-20

Gegic 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Slate and mineral the nose is bright the palate lean with a racy freshness. A touch of white peach in the middle gives a trace of sweetness the back palate has flint, slate and mineral slightly scented with length of flavour.

**Bozo Metkovic
Dalmatia**

White Wines

Dubrovacka Malvazija 2013**90 2014-20*****Malvazija delle Lipari****Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

Floral and spicy the nose has a perfumed fragrant charm and although the start of the palate is quite light there is more depth more richness on the mid palate. The finish is full of oriental perfumed spices.

**Buhac Winery
Ilok-Srijem
Podunavje Region
Slavonia**

White Wines

Chardonnay 2016**89 2017-21*****Chardonnay 100%****Tasted in Gils Bistro Dubrovnik A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

The nose is fresh the start of the palate firm citrusy. Rich in the middle greengage a touch of melon the back palate is lighter with crisp apple freshness.

Chardonnay Sur Lie 2015**89 2017-20***Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Ripe melon on the nose the palate is fleshy with greengage richness breadth of flavour in the middle. Apple underpins more balance but it fills out at the back sweet and fleshy with a hint of spicy oak on the finish.

**Bura Mrgudic
Peljesac Peninsula**

White Wines

Laterna Rukatac 2016**89 2017-20*****Rukatac (Marastina) 100%****Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Bright nose fresh fruits the palate starts with a lime lemon mix. There is richer fruit in the middle pineapple and peach with a citrus mix giving freshness on the back palate and finish.

Red Wines

Plavac 2016	88	2017-20
<i>Plavac Mali 100%</i>		
<i>Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017</i>		
Fresh red cherry some black cherry the nose has a mix of fruits the palate bright at the start with more depth in the middle. The finish is fresh a bilberry and bramble mix.		
Marica Plavic Mali 2015	90	2017-22
<i>Plavac Mali 100%</i>		
<i>Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017</i>		
The nose has the freshness of bitter cherry the start of the palate firm but it fills out in the middle with ripe wild strawberries. The hint of black fruits at the back adds to the richness the finish though lighter firmer and red fruited.		
Galeria 2015	91	2017-22
<i>Plavac Mali Marselan Cabernet Sauvignon</i>		
<i>Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017</i>		
Black fruits some red fruits the nose is fresh the palate rich with ripe fruit chocolate richness in the middle fine tannins. It feels firmer at the back with layers of black cherry and sloe.		

**CAPO
Verteneglio Region
Istria**

White Wines

Istrian Malvasia 2010	88	2012-14
<i>Tasted at the LWTF May 2012</i>		
The nose has a floral mix acacia backed by lots of spice. Lime and grapefruit refresh the mid palate and bring out the aromatic spiciness on the finish.		

Red Wines

Stellae Aries 2009	92	2012-16
<i>Cabernet Franc</i>		
<i>Tasted at the LWTF May 2012</i>		
The nose is vibrant exuberant with lots of herbal bramble. Sweeter black fruits fill out the mid palate blackcurrant with a touch of black cherry but it is the fresher bramble and bilberry that come through towards the back bringing out the herbal spiciness.		

**Daruvar Winery
Kontinentalna Hrvatska**

White Wines

Kvalitetna Grasevina 2010
(Welsch Riesling)**86** **2012-13***Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

The nose has the richness of pineapple and there is lots of sweet fruit on the palate. Towards the back it feels less sweet and heavy but the finish is rather full and lacking freshness.

Elido Pilato
Istria

White Wines

Pinot Bijeli 2011**89** **2012-14***Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

Both nose and palate have a lovely mineral freshness with behind the mineral crisp green limes. The mid palate is richer sweeter a touch herbal but towards the back the minerals and flint come through bringing out a touch of spice.

Feravino
Osijek-Baranja
Slavonia

White Wines

Grasevina 2015**87** **2017-19***Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017*

The nose lacks fruit the start of the palate is light and crisp. Grapefruit in the middle gives a richer feel with citrus coming through giving freshness on the finish.

Dika Grasevina 2016**88** **2017-20***Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017*

Citrusy and fresh the nose is light and bright the palate has lime and lemon. Quite light at the back the finish is very fresh with good length.

Mira Grasevina 2016**91** **2017-21***Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017*

The nose has a mix of fresh fruits the palate apple and grapefruit rich and sweet in the middle. Citrus at the back refreshes the finish is bright with good length.

Red Wines

- Cabernet Sauvignon 2015** 87 2017-20
Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017
 The nose is very light the start of the palate fresh and although there is some sweet fruit in the middle the finish lacks richness and depth.
- Pinot Crni 2015** 88 2017-21
Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017
 Bramble freshness the nose is light and bright the start of the palate has a mix of red fruits and blueberries. Sweet and ripe in the middle there is more depth of flavour with some rich fruit on the finish.
- Dika Frankova (Blaufränkisch) 2015** 87 2017-21
Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017
 Fragrant and fresh the nose has dried berry fruits the palate a mix of red cherry and bramble. Light and fresh at the back it fills out on the finish with more depth of flavour.
- Miraz Frankova (Blaufränkisch) 2015** 88 2017-21
Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017
 Bright red fruits the nose is fresh the start of the palate has a red cherry and raspberry mix. Sweeter in the middle more depth of fruit the red fruits on the finish are herbal with a hint of spice.
- Miraz Syrah 2015** 88 2017-21
Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017
 Peppery red fruits the nose is light the start of the palate fresh. Ripe wild strawberries and cherries give richness in the middle but it finishes light, fresh and spicy.

Galc
 Kutjevo Region
 Slavonia

White Wines

- Grasevina 2016** 87 2017-20
Grasevina (Welschriesling or Laski Riesling) 100%
Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017
 Fragrant floral white flowers the palate is light and fresh at the start with slightly richer fruit in the middle. Citrus at the back fresh and fragrant the finish is light bright with lingering flavours.
- Sauvignon 2016** 90 2017-21
Sauvignon Blanc 100%

Tasted in Gils Bistro Dubrovnik A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose is very fresh the palate crisp with crunchy gooseberries. Hints of tropical fruits in the middle there is some sweetness the back palate lime fresh the finish is racy and mineral.

**Grgic Winery
Peljesac Peninsula**

White Wines

Posip 2016

90 2017-20

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has fresh fruits lemon flower fragrances the start of the palate is bright and citrusy. Hints of tropical fruits and white peach in the middle there is freshness at the back a lime and lemon mix the finish is flinty and fresh

Posip 2015

89 2017-19

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Breadth of fruit on the nose the palate has white peach richness. There is underlying freshness a citrus mix richer at the back with a hint of oak on the finish.

Red Wines

Plavac Mali 2013

91 2017-22

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The fruit is ripe depth on the nose the palate has a mix of fruits black fruits and red fruits. Fleshy richness in the middle supple with fine tannins but there is underlying freshness more of a bitter cherry character the finish still youthful and bright.

Plavac Mali 2009

92 2017-23

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose is dominated by black fruits the palate has a complex mix of flavours mid richness fine tannins supple fleshy. The tannins are fine integrated not obvious sweet fruit the finish has depth richness with a hint of maturity.

**Jako Vino
Island of Brac**

White Wines

Posip Stina 2015

93 2017-20

Posip 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Mineral freshness the nose has flint, wet stones the palate is light fresh directional. Hints of white peach in the middle more depth of fruit but flint and mineral is there at the back the finish long, lean with racy freshness.

Red Wines

Stina Tribidrag 2013 95 2017-23

Tribidrag (Crijenak kastelanski) 100%

Tasted in Split June 2017

Ripe black cherry the nose is rich the palate depth of flavour. Fleshy supple in the middle a mix of black fruits velvet smooth power and depth at the back the finish is packed with a rich mix of black fruits.

Stina Plavac Master 2012 93 2017-22

Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted in Restaurant Maestral Island of Mljet A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has rich fruit depth of flavour the palate fleshy generous supple velvet smoothness a rich mix of black plum and cherry. Bramble and bilberry lighten and refresh but the rich fruit the sweetness the fleshiness is there at the back with supple generosity on the finish.

**Kabola Winery
Istria**

Sweet White Wines

Momjan Muskat 2015 93 2017-22

Muscat Momjanski 100%

Tasted in Gils Bistro Dubrovnik A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose is aromatic floral lemon flowers with fresh fruits the palate peachy with candied orange peel. The honeyed mid palate has underlying freshness a touch of citrus at the back the finish ripe fruited with eastern aromatic spice and herbs such as sage.

**Korta Katarina
Cara
Island of Korcula**

White Wines

Posip 2016 90 2017-20

Posip 100%

Tasted in Restaurant Maestral Island of Mljet A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The fruit on the nose is lime fresh smoky the start of the palate flinty mineral fresh fruits. Nectarines and apricots give mid richness the back palate fresher the finish has a mix of lime and tangerine.

**Kozlovic
Istria Hrvastka**

White Wines

Malvazija 2013 93 2014-18

Malvazija Istarska 100%

Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014

The nose is quite restrained ethereal fragrant perfumed floral with hints of spice. The start of the palate is light fresh with exotic perfumes full of oriental fragrances. There is sweetness richness at the back but it finishes with freshness fragrance and perfumed charm.

Malvazija 2016 89 2017-20

Malvasia 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has spice oriental fragrances the palate perfumed and fresh. Richer in the middle there is more depth of fruit with fragrant freshness at the back the perfumes not overstated.

Red Wines

Teran 2010 92 2012-18

Tasted in Dubrovnik October 2012

The nose is rich sweet fruited deep with a mix of strawberry and black plum. The tannins feel ripe and rounded the palate is fleshy supple with richness of fruit. Towards the back there is an underlying red cherry freshness and the flavours linger on the finish.

Teran 2012 92 2014-20

Tasted at the Carlton Club November 2014

Rich with sweet ripe fruit the nose has depth and the palate lots of strawberry and black plum. The tannins are ripe and rounded the mid palate fleshy and supple. There is red cherry freshness at the back the freshness balancing the chocolate richness.

**Kutjevo Winery
Kutjevo
Slavonia**

White Wines

Grasevina 2011**87 2012-14***Tasted in Vodice October 2011*

The nose is light fresh with a lime lemon mix. The fruit of the palate is fresh citrus in character a touch grassy with herbal freshness coming through on the finish.

**Vina Laguna
Istria**

White Wines**Pinot Grigio 2017****88 2018-21***Tasted at the L & S tasting Trinity House London September 2018*

The fruit on the nose is rich a mix of tropical fruits the start of the palate has a hint of sweetness. Fresher at the back more of a citric influence the finish has length and fragrance.

Malvasia Festigia 2016**89 2018-21***Tasted at the L & S tasting Trinity House London September 2018*

Rich and ripe both nose and palate have a hint of spice the start of the palate breadth. Orange peel gives freshness in the middle the back palate and finish have a fragrant oriental quality,

**Vina Matkovic
Peljesac Peninsula**

Red Wines**"L'Amour" Marselan 2015****90 2017-21*****Marselan 100%****Tasted in D'Vino Wine Bar Dubrovnik A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Herbal black fruits the nose is fresh the palate has depth richness dark chocolate. Fleshy and ripe at the back with the underlying herbal black fruits coming through refreshing the finish.

**Ivica Matozsevic
Istria**

White Wines**Alba Malvazija Istarska****92 2013-16*****Malvazija 100%***

Tasted at the Carlton Club July 2013

Spicy fragrant floral the nose has lots of attractive flavours. The start of the palate is light with citric freshness slightly fuller in the middle hints of apricot and tropical fruits with the freshness at the back bringing out the exotic spices.

Malvazija Alba Antiqua 2009**90 2014-17****Malvazija Istarska 100%***Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

Tangerine on the nose rich the palate has depth of fruit some powerful flavours. There are layers of flavour mineral freshness fruit richness lots of complexity quite firm on the mid palate the spice becoming more obvious on the back palate and finish.

Red Wines**Gimalda 2011****92 2014-21****Merlot Teran***Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

Fleshy rich black and red plum there is depth on the nose and lots of rich fruit on the palate. The mid palate is supple sumptuous voluptuous with sweet ripe fruit. There is a balancing freshness some bitter cherry a touch of peppery spice but it finishes with ripe black plum flesh.

Frano Milős
Peljesac Peninsular
South Dalmatia

Red Wines**Plavac Mali 2008****90 2013-18***Tasted at the Carlton Club July 2013*

Spicy cherry is backed by hints of hazel nuts lots of complex flavours on the nose. Red cherry is very much in evidence on the palate the freshness underpinned by slightly richer mulberry and bramble. The finish is long spicy with lots of white pepper.

Matusko Winery
Peljesac Peninsula

White Wines**Posip 2015****88 2017-19***Tasted in Split June 2017*

Tangerine freshness on the nose the palate has peach apricot depth of flavour. The fruit on the back palate is quite sweet the finish lighter citrusy and fragrant.

Milan Winery
Kastela South-Central Dalmatia

White Wines

Posip 2015 88 2017-19
Posip 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Ripe apricots the nose has depth of fruit the start of the palate fleshy and ripe. There is a balancing freshness tangerines but it fills out towards the back with the richness of ripe nectarines.

Palihnic Winery
Peljesac Peninsula

Sweet Red Wines

Prosek 2012 92 2017-22
Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted in Restaurant Maestral Island of Mljet A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Ripe strawberries the nose has richness sweetness the palate fleshy and sweet. A trace of freshness gives balance but the rich sweet fruit the dried fruits and red cherry are there at the back the finish has depth of flavour.

Petrac Winery
Zagorje Region

Red Wines

Karizma 2011 93 2017-21
Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

Tasted in Gils Bistro Dubrovnik A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

It seems very cassis dominated the nose is fresh the palate rich with ripe black cherry and black plum. Depth of fruit in the middle layers of flavour and although the tannins are firm slightly tight the rich black fruit shows on the finish.

Karizma 2012 92 2017-22

Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot*Tasted in Split June 2017*

The nose is fresh and firm the palate starts tight with fresh black fruits. More depth in the middle cassis and black cherry and although firm at the back there is some sweet fruit on the finish.

**Pjenusano Vino
Plesivica**

Sparkling Wines**Tomac Clssic Extra Brut NV****88****Chardonay 80% Yellow Plavac 20%***Tasted in Restaurant Bajamonti Split A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Rich fruit on the nose the start of the palate has pineapple and tropical fruits. There is underlying freshness bright at the back with citrus coming through on the finish.

**'Posip' Cara Co-operative
Island of Korcula**

White Wines**Posip 2011****88****2012-14***Tasted in Croatia October 2012*

The nose has some rich peachy fruit with fresher flavours more grapefruit in character coming through on the palate. There is a nice weight of flavour at the back some ripe pineapple.

Posip Cara 2015**88****2017-19****Posip 100%***Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

The nose has breadth white peach, tropical fruits the start of the palate is quite rich. There is mid freshness citrusy flavours with the sweeter fruits giving richness at the back.

Posip Cara 2016**89****2017-20****Posip 100%***Tasted in Konoba Belin Island of Korcula A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Sweet fruit on the nose the palate is fresh with lime and grapefruit. White peach in the middle there is richness at the back the finish light fresh fragrant with a mineral character.

**Pz Svirce Winery
Island of Hvar**

White Wines

Bogdanusa 2015

89 2017-20

Tasted in Split June 2017

Mineral wood smoke there is a lot happening on the nose. The start of the palate has flinty freshness the mid palate richer with hints of white peach the back palate fresh fragrant with flint and mineral on the finish.

Radovic Winery
Peljesac Peninsula

Red Wines

Dingac 2015

93 2017-21

Plavac Mali 100%*Tasted in Restaurant Maestral Island of Mljet A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

Red cherry the nose is firm the start of the palate tight but it opens up in the middle sweet ripe fruit a rich mix of flavours. There is freshness at the back and it finishes with bitter cherry excitement

Radovanovic Winery
Island of Korcula

White Wines

Rukatac 2016

90 2017-20

Rukatac 100%*Tasted in Konoba Belin Island of Korcula A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

The nose has depth the palate starts with ripe greengage breadth of flavour. The rich fruit is balanced by apple fresh at the back the finish rich with greengages and pineapple.

Roki's Winery
Island of Vis

Sparkling Wines

Sparkling Wine NV

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Trebbiano 100%**On lees – not disgorged***Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

The nose is light fragrant and fresh the palate citrusy crisp in the middle floral and fragrant on the finish (just a trace of lees)

White Wines

Rukatac (Marastina) 2016

89 2017-20

Rukatac 100%

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has smoky freshness the palate starts with depth of fruit ripe pineapple. It is lighter in the middle lime and apple freshness with some sweeter flavours filling out the back palate and giving richness on the finish.

Bugava 2016

89 2017-19

Bugava 100%

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Green fruits the nose has herbal freshness the palate citrus and apple. Slightly fuller at the back there is more grapefruit than lime with racy fresh fruits on the finish.

Rosé Wines

Rosé 2016

88 2017-18

Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Fresh red fruits the nose is light and bright the palate fresh with a bowlful of raspberries and red cherries. Mineral freshness at the back the finish is fresh light and smoky.

Red Wines

Plavac Mali 2016

89 2017-21

Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The fruit on the nose is rich and ripe the start of the palate sweet. Lighter in the middle raspberry and mulberry the tannins are supple and smooth yet there is enough freshness to balance with the ripe fruit giving depth of flavour richness on the finish.

Laura Zinfandel 2016

90 2017-22

Zinfandel 100%

Tasted at the winery A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has brooding black fruits the palate lush ripe fruited supple. Mid depth the black fruits are underpinned by red cherry the back palate is rich with a mix of black cherry and plum.

Roxanich Winery

West Istria

Red Wines

Teran 2007 (Out of magnum) 95 2017-19
Teran 100%

Tasted in Gils Bistro Dubrovnik A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has fragrant leafy charm red fruits the start of the palate light. Rich in the middle supple depth of flavour a powerful mix of black and red fruits all backed by fine integrated tannins. The finish has length, fragrance, elegance yet there is underlying sweetness.

Milan Senjanovic Winery
Island of Vis

White Wines

Vugava 2016 90 2017-19
Vugava 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Ripe greengages the nose is rich with ripe fruit the palate fresher citrus and apple crispness. There are layers of flavour sweet fruit underneath with fresh apple on the finish.

Rosé Wines

Opolo Rosé 2016 88 2017-19
Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Fresh red fruits the nose is bright quite light the palate fuller with sweet wild strawberries. Fresher at the back lots of red fruits yet the finish has a trace of sweetness.

Red Wines

The Brace 2013 90 2017-20
Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose is bright the start of the palate has a mix of fresh red fruits. There is mid richness ripe red cherry depth at the back the red fruits backed by black fruits the finish full and rich.

Tenuta di Sansego
Island of Susak

Sparkling Wines

Sansego Mosso Frizzante Bianco 87 2014-17

Moscato Gallo Prosecco*Bottle fermented but not disgorged**Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

The nose is spicy aromatic fresh fruits some grapefruit and although there is slightly more depth on the back palate the finish is fresh oriental and spicy.

Sansego Mosso Frizante Bianco**88 2014-17****Moscato Gallo Prosecco***Bottle fermented but not disgorged 1 year in bottle**Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

Although spicy and fresh the nose and palate have more depth of flavour complexity layers of fruit. Rich at the back yet the finish is lighter, leaner with good length of flavour.

White Wines**Sansego Bianco 2012****89 2014-17****Moscato Gallo 100%***Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

Perfumed on the nose spicy and oriental it feels quite rich but the palate is fresh with a mix of citrus the freshness bringing out perfumed spices. The finish has depth of flavour more of a tangerine character.

Rosé Wines**Sansego Rosé 2012****87 2014-16****Croatina 100%***Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

Scented fresh on the nose the palate is richer with a hint of sweetness a mix of wild strawberry and loganberry. Redcurrant refreshes the back palate light bright and quite floral on the finish.

Red Wines**Sansego Rosso 2013****90 2014-22****Merlot Refosco***Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

Red fruits quite fresh on the nose with more depth and richness on the palate. Red plums red cherries the mix the layers of flavour are complex the mid palate full with at the back fresh fruit and a touch of white pepper spice on the finish.

Sansego Botte 2011**89 2014-20****Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot***Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

Merlot tends to dominate plum richness but more red than black plum. Cassis and bramble are there underpinning a nice depth of flavour in the middle with black fruited power on the finish.

**Solum Winery
Slavonia**

White Wines

Chardonnay Sur Lie 2011 88 2017-20

Tasted in Gil's Bistro Dubrovnik A & C Tour June 2017

The nose is rich the palate full bodied with ripe melon and greengage all back by a touch of oak. There is underlying freshness with the rich flavours filling out the back palate and finish.

**Stovis Ston Winery
Peljesac Peninsula**

White Wines

Marastina 2016 88 2017-20

Marastina 100%

Tasted in Villa Koruna Mali Ston A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose is light white flowers the start citrusy and fresh. Richer in the middle fleshy greengage the rich fruit is balanced by citrus and although fresh at the back there is a sweetness on the finish.

**Suha Punta Winery
Primosten
Northern Dalmatia**

Red Wines

Gracin Babic 2013 92 2017-20

Babic 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose is firm herbal with white pepper spice the palate has a mix of black fruits the richness of black cherry underpinned by bramble. There is mid sweetness ripe fruit depth at the back the finish lighter with pepper spice excitement.

**Teskera
Vrlika**

Red Wines

Syrah 2009

92 2012-18

Tasted in Dubrovnik Croatia October 2012

There is a lot of rich ripe fruit on the nose fleshy bramble and strawberry backed by some fresher redcurrant and bilberry. The mid palate has sweet fruited power depth of flavour layers of fruit. The finish is rich but right on the finish is hint of spice and black pepper.

**Tomic Bastijana Winery
Island of Hvar**

Red Wines

Caplar 2011

93 2017-21

Cabernet Plavac

Tasted in Restaurant Bajamonti Split A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Fleshy rich the nose has ripe black fruits the palate black cherry, plums and dark chocolate. Supple, velvet smooth the mid palate has a rich mix of flavours the tannins fine and integrated. There is some underlying bilberry freshness but the finish has all the richness of ripe fruit.

Sweet White Wines

Prosek Hectorovich 2007

94 2014-24

Bogdanusa Marastina Prc Yellow Muscat

Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014

Rich ripe and peachy the nose has depth and the start of the palate has lovely sweet fruit. There are yellow peaches, apricots and figs a rich mix of flavours the sweetness balanced by the touch of citrus. The sweet fruit the lusciousness gives sumptuous richness on the back palate.

Prosek Hektorovich 2008

95 2017-23

Bogdanusa Marastina Prc Moscato

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Dried fruits and candied peel on the nose the palate has fleshy voluptuous richness dates and figs. Tangerine under the fleshy richness there is perfect balance with ripe figs and dates on the back palate and finish.

**Bruno Trapan
Istria**

Rosé Wines

Rubi Rosé 2013 87 2014-15

Syrah Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Teran

Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014

Light fresh fruit on the nose rose petals and raspberries but there is slightly more depth of flavour on the mid palate. It is lighter at the back with a salad of red fruits on the finish.

Red Wines

Teran 2015 90 2017-23

Teran 100%

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Herbal black fruits and a touch of spice the nose is fresh the fruit on the palate rich a concentrated mix of black cherry and plums. Firmer at the back but it fills out on the finish with depth of flavour.

Revolution 2015 92 2017-23

Cabernet Merlot Syrah Teran

Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The nose has the spicy black pepper of the Syrah the palate rich brooding black fruits mid fleshiness. Black plum, cassis there is a lot happening rich fruit power at the back with herbal freshness on the finish.

**Vinaria Dingac
Peljesac Peninsula**

Red Wines

Postup 2009 83 2017-20

Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted in Konoba Belin Island of Korcula A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

The fruit on the nose feels overcooked the palate heavy quite sweet firm in the middle with bitterness at the back

Dingac 2010 92 2017-20

Plavac Mali 100%

Tasted in Konoba Belin Island of Korcula A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Rich and ripe the fruit on the nose is sweet the palate has fleshy black fruits. The tannins are fine the mid palate supple and although there is bright red fruit at the back the finish has the richness of ripe cherry.

**Vinoplod Winery
Sibenik**

Red Wines

Babic

87 2012-15

Tasted in Krka National Park October 2012

The nose has lots of rich red fruits slightly earthy a farmyard character. The mid palate is sweet fruited with good depth and towards the back the flavours are lighter some red cherry and minty cassis.

**Vujnovic Winery
Island of Hvar**

White Wines

Prc 2016

92 2017-20

Prc (Parc) 100%

Tasted in Restaurant Bajamonti Split A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017

Lime and lemon the nose is fresh the palate has slate, wet stones, mineral, steely and fresh in the middle. Hints of sweetness but the back palate is racy bright, light, fragrant with slate and flint.

**Zapadna
Istria**

Red Wines

Fe Tigia Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

92 2012-18

Tasted in Dubrovnik October 2012

The nose is packed out with rich ripe black fruits blueberries and ripe damsons. The palate has richness of flavour supple ripe tannins the plum richness backed by cassis, black cherry and dark chocolate. Towards the back there is a hint of oak but it adds interest.

**Zlatan Otok
Island of Hvar**

White Wines

Zlatan Otok 2015

89 2017-20

Bogdanusa PRC (Parc) Mekuja Cetinka

Hvar*Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

The fruit on the nose is rich and ripe the palate has pineapple and peach mid depth. Citrus at the back there is balancing freshness the finish fuller with tropical fruits.

Posip 2010 89 2014-18

Posip 100%*Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

A hint of resin a hint of spice the nose is fresh with grapefruit and apple. The fruit on the mid palate is rich and ripe white peach and greengage and although there is depth of fruit at the back it finishes lighter fresher citrusy.

Posip 2016 89 2017-21

Posip 100%**Baska Voda***Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

The nose is bright fresh the palate has a mix of citrus and white peach. Mid richness the fruit is sweet and ripe the richer flavours underpinned by citrus bright at the back the finish fuller with tropical fruits.

Bogdanusa 2010 90 2014-16

Bogdanusa 100%*Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

The nose has a strong apricot character hints of almonds a nice complex mix of flavours with the richness on the mid palate balanced by mineral and lime freshness at the back.

Bogdanusa 2016 90 2017-21

Bogdanusa 100%**Hvar***Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

The fruit on the nose is ripe the palate has breadth of flavour apricots some tropical fruits. The mid palate is citrusy fresh with mineral and flint but it fills out at the back with ripe pear and tropical fruits.

Rosé Wines

Zlatan Rosé 2015 89 2017-19

Grenache Mourvèdre**Baska Voda***Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017*

The nose has a mix of fragrant red fruits the palate starts with more depth of fruit wild strawberries. There is mid freshness redcurrant and raspberry and although fresh at the back the finish is light, fragrant with fresh red fruits.

Red Wines

- Babic 2010** **89** **2013-17**
Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013
 The nose is sweet and the palate fleshy with black plum. Towards the back it feels fresher but the fruit ripeness gives a fleshy richness on the finish.
- Babic 2011** **91** **2017-22**
Babic 100%
Sibenik
Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017
 The nose has a mix of black fruits spicy bramble and black cherry an exciting mix of flavours. Rich fruit in the middle the mid sweetness underpinned by herbal freshness the finish has peppery bramble.
- Crljenak 2009 (Zinfandel)** **88** **2014-20**
Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014
 Both nose and palate have a bitter cherry character yet behind are slightly richer black fruits bramble and black cherry. The mid palate is firm and although the tannin is quite obvious the fruit is not over dominated the finish red fruited with a hint of almonds.
- Crljenak Kastelanski (Zinfandel) 2011** **92** **2017-22**
Crljenak Kastelanski 100%
Baska Voda
Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017
Herbal freshness bramble and bilberry the nose is bright the palate richer sweet, smooth, velvety in the middle. The back palate has depth of flavour the tannins fine fleshy richness the finish is lighter fresher with black pepper and spice.
- Plavac 2009** **89** **2013-18**
Plavic Mali
Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013
 Fresh red fruits are backed by sweeter richer black. The mid palate has a good balance between richness and freshness with the sweeter flavours filling out the back palate and finish.
- Plavac Mali 2012** **90** **2017-21**
Plavac Mali 100%
Hvar
Tasted aboard Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Islands Cruise June 2017
 The nose has fresh red fruits the palate sweeter ripe strawberry fleshy at the back yet there is balancing freshness with spicy red fruits and bramble on the finish.

Plavac Grand Cru 2008

92 2014-21

Plavic Mali

Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014

There is black cherry on the nose and palate has depth and richness of fruit. The mid sweetness is balanced by fresh bramble layers of flavour and it fills out on the back palate with black fruited power the fruit lasting well on the finish.

Plavac Grand Cru 2009

88 2013-18

Plavic Mali

Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013

The nose has a lot of powerful flavours mainly black fruits. The palate starts with depth and sweetness but towards the back it is fresher and the finish is slightly dry.

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