



# Macedonia

Wineries R - Z

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**Macedonia  
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The present day Republic of Macedonia was formerly part of Yugoslavia and gained its independence in 1991. This landlocked country is surrounded by countries such as Albania, Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Kosovo.

*Date & place of tasting shown in italics*

*Growers / Wineries are in alphabetical order with area underneath*

**Château Royal Winery  
Tikvesh Wine District**

Based in near Negotino the grapes are sourced from vineyards in the surrounding hills.

**White Wines**

**Chardonnay 2008**

**84**

The nose is very plump fleshed out by pineapple. There is sweetness to the palate, fat and fleshy, a slight lack of acidity and alcohol comes through on the finish and rather dominates the fruit.

**Red Wines**

**Vranec 2004**

**84**

It is red fruited but quite light, fragrant but lacking weight of fruit. The tannins are quite firm and tend to dry the finish.

**Skovin  
Skopje Wine District**

Based near Skopje it started life in 1979 as a bulk production unit and then in 1999 it was bought by Fersped who invested heavily in the facilities. Their vineyard holdings are sizeable with some 400 hectares in the Skopje region and a further 100 in the Tikves region. The production of some 3 million litres is sold part in bulk part in bottle.

**White Wines**

**Chardonnay 2012**

**90**

**2014-17**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Apple fresh on the nose the palate is richer with ripe melon. The mid richness is balanced by freshness at the back a firm back bone but there is good depth of fruit on the finish.

**Chardonnay 2013 from tank** **89** **2014-18**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Rich on the nose the palate has a fleshy sweetness with ripe greengage and melon. The mid palate is soft sweet ripe fleshy but there is freshness at the back just a touch of apple.

**Chardonnay 2013 from tank (different wine region)** **91** **2014-19**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Citrus and apple fresh on the nose the palate has a mix of fresh fruits lean and crisp at the start. The mid palate is richer fleshy melon ripe greengage a lovely depth of fruit. The freshness the citrus is there at the back the finish lighter with lots of lingering flavours.

**Chardonnay 2012 (6 months in Serbian & Slavonian oak)** **90** **2014-19**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose is fresh with apple and citrus on the start of the palate. The mid palate is broader firm in the middle with the richer flavours filling out the back palate. Greengage depth at the back it finishes with just a hint of oak spice.

**Temjanika 2012** **91** **2014-18**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

It is very upfront very fragrant oriental aromatic spicy on the nose and the start of the palate. The fruit on the mid palate is richer a touch of tropical fruit with the spicy freshness bringing out the oriental perfumes the aromatic mix on the finish.

### Red Wines

**Vranec 2009** **89** **2012-18**

*Tasted at Bovin February 2011*

Although the nose is quite rich with quite a lot of sweet ripe fruit the palate is firmer tighter with a mix of red fruits. The tannins are firm holding back the fruit at the moment but there is more to show with time.

**Vranec 2010** **89** **2014-19**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose has a strong black fruited character quite firm and a bit tight and the palate starts with sour red cherry. There is more depth in the middle slightly sweeter fruit but the back palate is very firm quite fresh and light.

**Vranec 2010 (3 years Serbian / Slavonian / Macedonian oak)** **92** **2015-21**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The fruit on the nose is rich with black fruited power and the start of the palate has depth of flavour. There is mid freshness hints of red cherry bitterness adding complexity with the black fruits giving richness at the back. The finish is lighter a touch of dryness with sour cherry excitement.

**Markov Manastir 2008****93 2014-22****Vranex 100%***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The vineyards around the St Marko Monastery produce wines with very concentrated flavours and this is certainly true of this wine. Time in tank and bottle has softened the tannins the mid palate ripe fleshy supple but there is enough underlying freshness to balance. The long finish has just a hint of red cherry bitterness so typical of the grape.

**Sangiovese 2009****88 2012-17***Tasted at Bovin February 2011*

The freshness of red cherry and raspberry feature on the nose with behind freshness a lighter feel in the middle. Towards the back it fills out with a mix of black and red fruits but the finish is very fresh and quite firm.

**Kale 2008****89 2011-14****Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Vranec***Tasted at Bovin February 2011*

The black plum of Merlot features on the nose and gives some richness and weight on the palate. The richer sweeter fruit is balanced by bilberry freshness with at the back tannic firmness underpinning the cassis and cherry mix.

**Kale 2011****90 2014-22****Vranec Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Cassis is very much to the fore on the nose quite fresh but the palate is more Merlot with rich ripe fleshy black plum. The richness the supple fleshiness on the mid palate is balanced by the tannins by bilberry and red cherry freshness with on the finish a racy Vranec sourness.

**Syrah -Cabernet Sauvignon 2009****88 2012-17***Tasted at Bovin February 2011*

Black cherry and cassis give some richness on the nose whilst the start of palate tends to be quite lean. There are some sweeter fruits backing the firmer fresher bilberry but the tannins are very firm and tend to tighten the finish.

**Syrah-Cabernet 2010 (no oak)****88 2014-20***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The fruit is very fresh red fruits and lighter black with the peppery spice of Syrah very much in evidence. There is more depth in the middle lots of black currant some black cherry but at the back it is lighter and fresh fruited.

**Syrah-Cabernet 2010 (*Matured in barrique*)** **91** **2015-22**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose is deep and brooding black fruited and the palate has richness with a mix of cassis and ripe strawberry. It is quite firm in the middle but fills out at the back with depth of flavour. The finish has more of a red fruit character with black pepper on the finish.

**Scupi Cuvée 2010** **93** **2014-23**

***Vranec Cabernet Sauvignon Syrah***

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Deep and brooding the nose has a mix of black fruits yet the palate has more of a red fruited character. Sour red cherry is underpinned by raspberry and redcurrant layers of fruit lots of complexity. There is depth at the back with cassis more to the fore and although the tannins are firm they feel ripe. The long finish has hints of black pepper and bitter cherry excitement.

### **Stobi Tikvesh Wine Region**

**Situated in the heart of the Tikves region Stobi is today a sizeable winery with some 25 wines across a broad price range. The winery name comes from the ancient city of Stobi important in Macedonian history. The winery is very modern with top class equipment from the stainless steel fermenters to the barrel ageing cellar.**

### **White Wines**

**Zilavka 2012** **90** **2013-15**

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London May 2013*

The nose has zesty freshness with hints of citrus slightly herbal. Behind the fresh fruit on the palate there are richer sweeter flavours some greengage but the citrus mix is very much in evidence on the finish.

**Zilavka 2013** **91** **2014-17**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Zesty fresh the nose is lime and lemon driven and the start of the palate has crunchy crispness. The mid palate is slightly richer more grapefruit in character but at the back the citrus mix refreshes the finish long and fragrant.

*Tasted at the Wine Society Dining Club Dinner Carlton Club June 2015* **91** **2015-17**

Zesty fresh the nose is lime and lemon driven and the start of the palate has crunchy crispness. The mid palate is slightly richer more of a grapefruit character but at the back the lime and lemon mix refreshes the finish long and fragrant.

**Zilavka 2014****92 2015-18***Tasted in Lilley July 2015*

The nose has a vibrant citrus freshness the start of the palate a mix of lemon and lime. There is mid sweetness white peach with a hint of apricots a nice depth of fruit. Towards the back tangerine refreshes a complex mix of fruits with the flavours lingering on the finish.

**Rkaciteli 2013****92 2014-17***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Herbal lime fresh there is a lot happening on the nose with lots of crisp apple on the start of the palate. There is slightly more depth in the middle but the back palate is racy fresh fruited citrusy with a herbal tinge.

**Smederevka 2011****90 2014-16***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose has some rich flavours yet the start of the palate is fresh fruited with a lime and lemon mix. There is more depth in the middle still fresh more grapefruit in character with the citrus mix refreshing and giving crispness on the finish.

**Smederevka 2013****93 2014-17***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Lime and mineral refresh the nose and the start of the palate has lime freshness. The mid palate is broader pineapple but at the back the citrus and grapefruit dominate a fresh fruit mix with on the long finish an exciting herbal grassiness.

**Grasevina 2013 (Welsch / Laski / Olasz Riesling)****88 2014-16***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Light on the nose the palate has lemon freshness with a mineral herbal mix on the mid palate. The back palate is fresh fruited light but fragrant.

**Rhein Riesling 2013****89 2014-17***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Fresh on the nose the palate has more depth with a mix of tropical fruits. It is fresher at the back lime and lemon and although light on the back palate there is more depth of fruit on the finish.

**Chardonnay 2012****89 2013-16***Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London May 2013*

Greengage gives richness on the nose and a nice depth of flavour on the start of the palate. The mid palate has the freshness of apple and this is in evidence at the back giving a racy feel to the finish.

- Chardonnay 2013** 91 2014-17  
*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*  
*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*  
 Apple fresh on the nose the start of the palate is light and citrusy. Greengage enriches the mid palate a nice depth of flavour with the ripe fruit at the back underpinned by freshness.
- Chardonnay Barrique 2012** 91 2014-17  
*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*  
 Rich on the nose the palate has breadth of flavour lots of ripe greengage and honeydew melon. The fleshiness the rich fruit is balanced by cut apple and although the back palate is lighter there is a nice depth of flavour on the finish.
- Muscat Ottonel 2012** 88 2013-15  
*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London May 2013*  
 The freshness on the nose brings out the spiciness the fragrances and although the start of the palate is quite fresh the mid palate has a honeyed sweetness. It is fresher towards the back and finishes with lots of exotic spicy perfume.
- Muscat Ottonel 2013** 90 2014-17  
**Has 20% Frontignan (Muscat Blanc à Petit Grains)**  
*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*  
 Exotic spicy with oriental perfumes there is a lot happening on both nose and palate. The mid freshness gives a lighter feel but towards the back there is more depth hints of honey but the finish is fresh fruited citrus driven exotic spicy.
- Muscat Ottonel 2014** 91 2015-17  
*Tasted in Lilley July 2015*  
 Rose petals, summer flowers the nose has mix of fragrances the start of the palate fresh with hints of oriental spices. The mid palate has more depth with apricot richness backed by tangerines with a lime and lemon mix refreshing the back palate and bringing out spicy exotic fragrances on the finish.
- Macedonia White 2013** 89 2014-16  
**Smederevka Rhein Riesling Zilavka Zupljanka Rkaciteli Riesling Chardonnay**  
*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*  
 Racy and fresh fruited on the nose fragrant white flowered and herbal the palate is richer with pineapple and tropical fruits. It is lighter at the back crisp and fresh on the finish.
- Stobi White** 89 2014-17  
**Smederevka Zupljanka Rkaciteli Riesling**  
*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose is light with lemon freshness and there is a lovely crisp start to the palate. The mid palate has richer fruit quite sweet in the middle with pineapple and pear richness but at the back the fresh fruits dominate giving a crisp raciness on the finish.

**Stobi Cuvée 2013** 89 2014-17

***Smederevka Zupljanka Rkaciteli Riesling Muscat***

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The spice the oriental perfumes of the Muscat are very much in evidence and the start of the palate has a perfumed spiciness. Ripe pear gives richness and depth in the middle with the citrus mix refreshing the back palate and bringing out a perfumed spiciness on the finish.

**Stobi Cuvée 2014** 92 2015-18

***R'Kaciteli 70% Zupljanka 29% Chardonnay 1%***

*Tasted in Lilley July 2015*

Tropical fruits, white peach the nose and the start of the palate has depth. Under the fruit salad of flavours apple and lemon refresh an attractive bitter sweetness with the richer fruits giving depth of flavour on the finish.

### Rosé Wines

**Rosé 2012** 87 2013-15

***Pinot Noir 100%***

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London May 2013*

The nose is light fragrant with wild strawberry and raspberry freshness. Red fruits are very much in evidence on the palate fresh fragrant but quite light.

**Rosé 2012** 89 2014-16

***Pinot Noir Vranec***

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose has red fruited freshness quite light but fragrant. Red fruits dominate the palate mulberry and redcurrant with an attractive sour cherry finish.

**Rosé 2013 from cask** 90 2014-17

***Merlot***

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Fresh on the nose but the mid palate is richer sweeter fruited with a nice depth of fruit at the back. The finish has the freshness of the nose with a mix of redcurrant and raspberries.

**Stobi Rosé 2014** 90 2015-17

***Vranec Cabernet Sauvignon***

*Tasted in Lilley July 2015*

The mix of red fruits is fresh red cherry backed by raspberry and although light at the start the mid palate has more depth a wild strawberry and loganberry mix. The finish is bright fresh with a nice length of fruit.

### Red Wines

#### **Pinot Noir 2012**

**90 2014-18**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose is fresh with a red fruited mix and the palate starts with redcurrant but there is more depth in the middle ripe mulberries and these sweeter flavours give more depth weight at the back. The finish though is slightly lighter with redcurrant freshness.

#### **Merlot Barrique 2011**

**91 2014-19**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Damsons enrich the nose and give flesh on the start of the palate the tannins feel ripe the mid palate is supple yet there is an underlying freshness balancing. The back palate and finish have depth of flavour rich fruit a ripe black plum finish.

#### **Petit Verdot 2011**

**91 2014-18**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

The herbal mix of black fruits on the nose is fresh as is the start of the palate. Sweeter cassis and black cherry give richness on the mid palate lots of concentrated flavours but towards the back it is lighter and fresher with bilberry and leafy bramble.

#### **Syrah Barrique 2011**

**91 2014-18**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

The red fruits on the nose are spicy with lots of black pepper and the start of the palate has the same peppery character. Although red fruits dominate towards the back there is the richness of black cherry with an attractive mix of red cherry and bramble on the finish.

#### **Vranec 2010**

**91 2014-18**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The black and red cherry mix has got lots of interest the freshness on the start of the palate giving way to richer flavours in the middle with a nice weight of fruit at the back. The sour cherry of the Vranec is there at the back the finish leafy and spicy.

#### **Vranec 2011**

**92 2015-20**

*Tasted at the WSDC Dinner Carlton Club June 2015*

The nose is fresh with a bramble and red cherry mix but the palate is richer with a nice depth of flavour. Layers of fruit give complexity first red fruits then black fruits lots of interest. The sweet fruit is backed by sour cherry and bramble the finish has spicy excitement.

*Tasted at the Wine Society Dining Club Dinner Carlton Club June 2015* **92** **2015-20**

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

The nose is fresh with a bramble and red cherry mix but the palate is richer with a nice depth of flavour. Layers of fruit give complexity first red fruits then black fruits lots of interest. The sweet fruit is backed by sour cherry and bramble the finish has spicy excitement.

**Vranec Veritas Reserve 2011** **92** **2013-20**

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London May 2013*

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

The nose is concentrated herbal spicy red and black cherry but the palate is more open sweet in the middle. Red cherry and bramble refresh the mid palate sour cherry freshness balanced by the slightly sweeter bramble. There are layers of flavour sweetness yet freshness and on the back palate herbal leafy spicy excitement.

**Vranec Vilarov 2013 from cask** **91** **2015-22**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Rich on the nose the fruit is quite sweet with a mid fleshiness. Red fruits tend to dominate but there are black fruits at the back adding some complexity. The sweetness on the mid palate is underpinned by bitter red cherry freshness a lovely bitter sweet character on the finish.

**Roxana 2012** **93** **2015-22**

**Vranec**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose has depth the palate starts with rich flavours black fruits red fruits the layers of flavour giving lots of complexity. The fruit at the back is concentrated rich the back palate has depth yet there is freshness a sour cherry excitement on the finish.

**Blend 2011 from cask** **90** **2015-19**

**Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Vranec Petit Verdot**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Black fruited on the nose the start of the palate is firm with black cherry and cassis. There is more depth in the middle some ripe black plum but the tannins at the back are quite obvious tending to hold back some of the fruit at this stage.

**Antigona 2013** **91** **2015-20**

**Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Vranec**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

This semi dry wine is made from grapes from the Tikves district a wine with sweet fruit a rich nose and fleshy sweetness on the palate. Under the ripe flavours there is freshness firm tannins but lots of rich fruit to show with time.

**Macedonian Red 2012** **88** **2014-17**

**Vranec Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Described as semi sweet the nose is ripe fruited and the palate fleshy. There is mid structure freshness with some firm tannins but at the back fleshy fruits enrich with a strawberry jam finish.

**Aemilla 2013****93 2015-20****Shiraz Vranec Petit Verdot***Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

Spicy red fruits the nose is fresh quite light but the palate has rich fruit good depth a mix of sweet black and red fruits. Fine tannins give support the back palate has depth yet on the finish there is red cherry and bramble freshness, fragrance and spice with good length.

**Tikves  
Tikvesh Wine District**

**An amazing winery built as a co-operative for the Tikves region. It has a very large capacity in stainless steel, large oak casks and barriques. The visit in 2010 was very difficult has a lot of the wood had recently been restored treated with an oil smelling very like linseed and this had influenced some of the wines. The visit in 2011 showed what the winery really can produce and the wine making team are doing an excellent job**

**White Wines**

**Zilavka 2013****89 2014-17***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Lime and lemon refresh the nose and the start of the palate is crisp. There are sweeter flavours in the middle a hint of tropical fruits some grapefruits but towards the back lime and mineral refresh and give a racy crispness on the finish.

**Smederevka 2014****88 2015-18***Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

The nose has a complex mix of greengage and lime the start of the palate is very fresh. The mid palate is sweeter more depth but at the back the acidity comes through the finish has zest, lemon freshness but nothing bitter.

**Sauvignon Blanc 2013****90 2014-18***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Crisp on the nose the palate is broader with a mix of tropical fruits the sweetness balanced by freshness underneath. Apple and citrus refresh the back palate the finish long crisp with lingering flavours.

- Riesling 2008** **86**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2010*  
 The nose is spoilt by a hint of linseed oil. The palate has lovely fresh fruit, slightly herbal and grassy. The acidity is quite high, slightly green holding back some of the fruit expression.
- Chardonnay 2008** **85**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2010*  
 Lime and apple give a fresh feel to the nose and to the start of the palate. The mid palate lacks a bit of richness and the back palate is quite light.
- Chardonnay 2009** **87**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2010*  
 The nose is very fresh, the lime and apple mix have herbal undertones. Sweeter, richer greengage gives more weight on the mid palate with the acidity coming through crisping up the finish.
- Chardonnay 2010** **88**    **2011-13**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
 The nose has attractive apple freshness backed by some sweeter richer greengage. The mid palate is full of fruit lots of melon then towards the back the freshness comes through lifting the fruit on the back palate.
- Chardonnay 2011** **88**    **2012-15**  
*Tasted at Tikves February 2012*  
 The nose is very crisp with lots of apple and lime. Sweeter richer flavours give some weight on the mid palate but towards the back it is very fresh with lots of crunchy slightly green apple.
- Chardonnay Special Selection 2013** **91**    **2014-18**  
*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*  
 The mix of fruits on the nose is fresh with a bright start to the palate light citrusy. It fills out in the middle with more of a melon greengage mix the sweeter flavours underpinned buy cut apple the back fresh fruited.
- Limited Edition Chardonnay 2008 (Oak aged)** **86**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2010*  
 The fleshy melon on the nose has a touch of oak and the palate has the fleshiness of peach. At the back is a grassy acidity balances the sweetness and shows rather too strongly on the finish.
- Lepovo White 2013 from barrel** **93**    **2015-19**  
**Chardonnay 100%**  
*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Fresh fruit on the nose with an apple citrus start to the palate but the mid palate is richer with broader flavours and depth of fruit. Fresh fruit cut apple comes through at the back yet the finish has a sweeter feel with depth of flavour.

**Grenache Blanc (Belan) 2010** **88** **2011-13**

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

The nose has a lovely fresh feel and this freshness features on the start of the palate. Slightly sweeter white peach flavours are there on the mid palate with lime and apple refreshing the finish. It is not that complex but easy and fresh fruited.

**Grenache Blanc 2011** **89** **2012-15**

*Tasted at Tikves February 2012*

The nose is rich with a good weight and depth of fruit. The palate has depth of flavour breadth and power but towards the back it is quite herbaceous tangerine freshness a nutty character that gives complexity on the back palate and finish.

**Grenache Blanc Special Selection 2013** **92** **2014-18**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Herbal leafy fresh fruited there is a lot happening on the nose and the start of the palate is fresh with grapefruit and lime. The mid palate is richer with more depth of fruit at the back but the finish is fresh citrusy herbal and green leafed.

**Aleksandrija 2010** **89** **2011-13**

**Chardonnay 70% Riesling 30%**

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

The nose has the charm of white flowers refreshed by a citrus mix. Richer melon and tropical fruits fill out the mid palate with towards the back the rich ripe feeling fruit refreshed by apple and grapefruit.

**Aleksandrija 2011** **89** **2012-14**

**Chardonnay 70% Riesling 30%**

*Tasted at Tikves February 2012*

There is a mix of flavours on the nose lots of white flowers backed by herbal leafiness. The freshness of the nose is very much in evidence on the palate but towards the back it feels richer with some ripe greengage. The leafy freshness is there on the finish.

**Alexandria White Cuvée 2013** **90** **2014-18**

**Chardonnay 70% Welschriesling 30%**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Although the nose has depth of fruit there is an attractive fragrant quality. The palate starts fresh quite light but there is more depth in the middle richer sweeter flavours with citrus coming through at the back refreshing and lightening the finish.

<b>Alexandria White Cuvée 2014</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2015-19</b>
<b><i>Chardonnay Riesling</i></b>		
<i>Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015</i>		
Bright fresh the nose has a strong citrus character the palate start light. Sweeter in the middle some ripe fruit the back palate has depth the finish though is lighter bright and mineral.		
<b>Bela Voda White 2010</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2011-14</b>
<b><i>Chardonnay Belan</i></b>		
<i>Tasted at the winery February 2011</i>		
The time in French oak has broadened the flavours and given the palate more depth. Greengage richness with apple freshness gives an attractive mix of flavours on the mid palate layers of fruit gives complexity and although there is a hint of oak at the back it enhances rather than spoils.		
<b>Bela Voda White 2011</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2012-15</b>
<b><i>Grenache Blanc 70% Chardonnay 30%</i></b>		
<i>Tasted at Tikves February 2012</i>		
There is a lovely rich mix of fruits on the nose lots of different flavours giving complexity. White peach and greengage is backed by apple and tangerine freshness but the sweetness of the fruit comes through with some nice rich fruit on the finish.		
<b>Bela Voda White 2012</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2014-18</b>
<b><i>Grenache Blanc 70% (Belan) Chardonnay 30%</i></b>		
<i>Tasted at the Winery April 2014</i>		
The nose has depth of fruit and the palate is broader with mid fleshiness and the richness of melon and greengage. Towards the back citrus and apple refresh but the finish has a lovely weight of rich fruit.		
<b>Bela Voda White 2013 from tank</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2015-19</b>
<b><i>Grenache Blanc 70% (Belan) Chardonnay 30%</i></b>		
<i>Tasted at the Winery April 2014</i>		
There are some lovely rich flavours on the nose and depth the richness of sweet fruit on the palate. Ripe greengage some sweet honeydew melon fill out the mid palate breadth and richness but there is a balancing freshness citrusy at the back. The finish has richness yet an underlying flinty mineral mix.		
<b>Barovo White 2010</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2011-14</b>
<b><i>Chardonnay Belan</i></b>		
<i>Tasted at the winery February 2011</i>		
There is a lot of rich fruit packing out the nose. Ripe pineapple and peach feature on the palate lovely and lush but the richness is balanced by some apple freshness. Layers of fruit give complexity with towards the back the sweet fruit winning through enriching the finish.		
<b>Barovo White 2011</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2012-15</b>

**Grenache Blanc 70% (Belan) Chardonnay 30%***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Although the grape mix is the same as Bela Voda the grapes come from vines grown on a different terrain. The nose has some lovely fresh flavours citrus backed by tangerine and apple. The mid palate has weight richness of fruit but towards the back there is mineral freshness a complex mix of flavours.

**Barovo White 2012****91 2014-16****Grenache Blanc 70% (Belan) Chardonnay 30%***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose has more depth richer slightly sweeter fruit with a tropical fruit mix on the mid palate. The rich mix of flavours the fleshiness at the back is balanced by citrus yet the finish is full fat slightly lacking elegance.

**Barovo White 2013 from tank****92 2015-19****Grenache Blanc 70% (Belan) Chardonnay 30%***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Racy and fresh on the nose the palate starts with citrus and minerals. There is more depth in the middle more of a grapefruit character the richer fruit underpinned by freshness a leaner crisper feel that brings out the fragrances on the long finish.

**Barovo White 2014****91 2015-19****Belan Chardonnay***Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

Fresh on the nose lime and mineral but the palate has the richness of ripe greengage sweet ripe fruit. There is a balancing freshness a strong grapefruit influence but it fills out on the finish with depth of flavour.

**R'Katsiteli 2010****91 2011-13***Tasted at the winery February 2011*

This fascinating grape possibly one of the oldest is grown at a height of 700 metres. The nose has the richness of white peach with freshness behind. The palate is bitter sweet lots of pears, passion fruit and white peach balanced by the freshness of mineral and lime. The flavours linger on the long finish.

**R'Katsiteli 2011****89 2012-15***Tasted at Tikves February 2012*

The white peach character is backed by herbal lime and lemon freshness. The mid palate is bitter nutty with lime and mineral and then towards the back there is some sweetness giving a richer feel to the finish.

**R'Katsiteli 2014****90 2015-19***Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

Under the white peach there is herbal lime freshness an attractive mix of flavours. The mid palate has tropical fruit sweetness citrusy and mineral at the back fresh and bright on the finish

**R'kaciteli Special Selection 2013**

**91 2014-18**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

There is an aromatic herbal spiciness on the nose lots of fresh flavours. The palate is broader with greengage richness but at the back citrus and apple dominate racy and fresh fruited on the finish.

**Temjanika 2010**

**90 2011-14**

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

The nose is rich and fleshy with a lovely mix of flavours. Quince and passion fruit feature on the palate enriched by mandarin oranges. Although very rich and ripe there is underlying freshness balancing.

**Temjanika Special Selection 2013**

**91 2014-18**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

White flowers spring blossoms the nose has aromatic fragrances and the start of the palate is bright and fresh fruited. The mid palate has some sweeter fruit some pineapple some grapefruit but at the back fresh fruits bring out the aromatic oriental spiciness.

**Muscat Ottonel 2009**

**87**

*Tasted at the winery February 2010*

The fragrance of the grape is there on the nose and there is an attractive spiciness on the palate. The mid palate has citric freshness that brings out the spice on the finish.

**Muscat Ottonel 2010**

**88 2011-13**

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

There is a spicy perfumed freshness on the nose with sweeter fruit on the palate. The mix of flavours gives complexity and the freshness brings out the spice on the back palate.

**Muscat Ottonel 2011**

**90 2012-15**

*Tasted at Tikves February 2012*

The nose is very spicy perfumed with hints of dried fruits. Sweet fruit gives a fleshy richness on the palate but under the richness there is a balancing freshness that brings out the exotic spicy perfumes on the finish.

**Muscat Ottonel 2013**

**90 2014-18**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

There is a lot happening on the nose spice dried fruits quite rich but the palate starts leaner and fresh fruited citrusy. Dried fruits are there at the back exotic and spicy with a long perfumed finish.

**Traminer 2010** 88 2011-13

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

The spiciness of the grape features on the nose enhanced by the freshness. The palate has rich fruit sultanas and raisins with perfumed spice showing on the back palate. It just lacks a bit of complexity.

### Rosé Wines

**Rosé 2009** 87

**Merlot Vranec**

*Tasted at the winery February 2010*

It is very light but attractively fragrant lots of strawberry and raspberry. The mid palate lacks a bit of weight but it is easy with a hint of sweetness on the back palate.

**Rosé 2013** 88 2014-17

**Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Vranec Stanushina**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The red fruited mix on the nose is fresh the start of the palate bright with lots of raspberries. The mid palate has a hint of sweetness with fresher red fruits coming through at the back giving a lighter finish.

**Alexandria Rosé 2010** 89 2011-12

**Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Vranec Pinot Noir**

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

Fresh fragrant red fruits give brightness on the nose and the palate. There is an attractive red fruited mix fresh raspberry filled out by red plum and bramble. The flavours linger on the finish.

**Alexandria Rosé 2013** 89 2014-18

**Merlot Cabernet Franc Vranec**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose is light with an attractive mix of fragrant red fruits and the start of the palate has raspberry freshness. There is more depth in the middle red cherries but lighter at the back fresh fruit with a hint of spice and just a touch of sour red cherry.

### Red Wines

**Pinot Noir 2010** 88 2011-14

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

Although the fruit on the nose feels sweet the palate is lighter and fresher. Mulberry intermingles with bramble some nice layers of flavour but towards the back the tannins are quite obvious rather holding back the fruit.

**Pinot Noir 2011** 88 2012-15

*Tasted at Tikves February 2012*

Black cherry gives some richness on the nose but the underlying mulberry and loganberry refreshes. The palate is quite light some nice fruit all feeling quite sweet but towards the back it is lighter with a red fruited freshness.

**Lepovo Pinot Noir 2013 from vat****92 2015-19***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Brambly and fresh on the nose the palate is richer with an attractive mix of flavours mulberry and red cherry backed by bramble. The mid sweetness is balanced by fresh fruit at the back with an attractive the mix of flavours on the finish.

**Syrah 2013 from cask****91 2015-19***Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Peppery spicy the nose has a mix of red and black fruits and the palate has layers of flavour. The mid palate is quite sweet the fruit feeling ripe but at the back the dominant red fruits lighten and freshen the finish.

**Merlot 2006****87***Tasted at the winery February 2010*

The fruit on the nose is fresh a mix of bramble and bilberry. The start of the palate is sweet more black cherry and plum. The tannins are firm and are tending to hold back full fruit expression.

**Merlot 2009****88 2011-15***Tasted at the winery February 2011*

Black plum gives a fleshy richness on the nose and a sweet start to the palate. The tannins are quite firm and tend to rather dominate holding back the sweetness that showed at first. There is though some sweet fruit showing on the finish.

**Merlot 2010****89 2011-16***Tasted at the winery February 2011*

At first it is rich with black plum dominating the nose but behind is the freshness of red plum and cherry. Fruit ripeness and rounded tannins give flesh on the mid palate with towards the back black fruited concentration giving power on the finish.

*Tasted at Tikves February 2012***88 2012-16**

The nose is quite firm with more red than black plum in evidence. There are some nice sweet flavours at the start but the freshness of the red fruits is tending to dominate and give a lighter feel towards the back.

**Classique Range Merlot 2006****85***Tasted at the winery February 2010*

There is black plum on the nose and this gives some richness on the start of the palate but the tannins are bitter and tend to dry the fruit leaving the finish a bit short.

- Limited Edition Merlot 2008** **87**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2010*  
 The damson on the nose is sweet, a hint of oak but not too dominant. It starts well but the tannins cut in and their firmness is rather over dominating the sweet black plum that is there at this stage.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2006** **88**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2010*  
 There is cassis on the nose and this is supported by black cherry on the palate. The middle is quite sweet and although the tannins are firm they do not overpower the fruit.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2009** **88** **2011-16**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
 Concentrated blackcurrant is backed by black cherry giving richness of fruit on the nose. There are fresher red fruits in evidence and these combined with quite firm tannins hold back some of the richness.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2010** **92** **2012-18**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
 The nose is packed out with ripe black fruits lots of blackcurrant and blackberry. The fruit feels sweet the richness on the palate helped by rounded tannins. Dark chocolate and cocoa all add to the richness and give some complexity. The fruit lasts well on the finish.
- Tasted at Tikves February 2012* **92** **2012-18**  
 There is a lot of cassis and black cherry on the nose the fruit feeling ripe. Richness of fruit fills out the mid palate the fruit underpinned by liquorice and dark chocolate layers of flavour lots of complexity. The finish has depth richness of fruit but enough bilberry and bramble to give it elegance.
- Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2009** **87**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2010*  
 The bramble and blackcurrant mix is underpinned by a green herbal leafiness. Ripe fruit shows towards the back but the tannins are very firm and are tending to hold back the fruit at this stage and stop full expression.
- Limited Edition Cabernet Sauvignon 2008** **88**  
*Tasted at the winery February 2010*  
 The nose has lots of fruit, blackcurrant enriched by sloe. Fresher black fruits, bilberry and bramble give some complexity and there is cassis giving weight the fruit supported by firm tannin.
- Vranec Merlot 2014** **89** **2015-20**  
*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

The red cherry freshness of the Vranec gives brightness on the nose the palate is fuller with black plum mid sweetness. Fresh at the back a mix of red fruits and there is a hint of bitter cherry on the finish.

**Classique Range Vranec 2006**

**89**

*Tasted at the winery February 2010*

There is an attractive mix of red fruits on the nose and the rich cherry is refreshed by raspberry. The sweetness on the palate is helped by the ripe feel of the tannins which although firm are not aggressive. Bitter sweet on flavours give complexity to the back palate.

**Vranec 2011 from cask**

**91**

**2013-18**

*Tasted at Tikves February 2012*

Spicy red fruits fill out the nose with some sweeter black showing behind. The palate has layers of flavour black cherry and bilberry intermingling with red cherry and mulberry. Although rich ripe and powerful there is a nice balancing freshness.

**Special Selection Vranec 2006**

**88**

*Tasted at the winery February 2010*

There is sweetness of fruit on the nose, more of a black fruit influence. Nice rich fruit gives flesh on the start of the palate and the black cherry in the middle helps the richness. The tannins are firm leaving the back palate a touch dry.

**Special Selection Vranec 2012**

**92**

**2014-19**

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Red fruited on the nose there is an attractive spiciness. The start of the palate is fresh with red cherries but the mid palate feels richer some black fruits underpinning the red. The tannins are ripe helping the mid richness but at the back red fruits bitter cherry freshness gives a lighter racier finish.

**Special Selection Vranec 2013**

**92**

**2015-20**

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

Spicy and bright the nose has a strong red fruit influence and the palate starts fresh. There is mid sweetness the richness of black cherry but at the back bitter cherry gives freshness and spicy excitement.

**Special Selection Vranec 2015**

**95**

**2017-23**

*Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017*

The nose has spices and black pepper the palate red fruits bright and fresh at the start rich and ripe in the middle. Black fruits behind the red fruits there is complexity layers of flavour rich and ripe towards the back the finish lighter with spicy bitter cherry.

**Limited Edition Vranec 2008**

**87**

*Tasted at the winery February 2010*

The mix of fruits on the nose gives some complexity first bramble dominates then wild strawberry. The fruit feels sweet enriching the start of the palate but the tannins are firm tending to hold back the fruit on the finish.

**Alexandria Red 2006** **91**

***Merlot Vranec Cabernet Sauvignon***

*Tasted at the winery February 2010*

The nose has lots of rich fruit more cassis and black cherry than fresh red. The palate has layers of rich flavours, black cherry and bramble show but behind is some fresher strawberry and mulberry. Although there is structure the tannins do feel ripe leaving the finish quite sweet.

**Alexandria Red 2009** **92**    **2011-17**

***Vranec 40% Merlot 20% Cabernet Sauvignon 20%***

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

There is a lot happening on the nose first spicy red fruits seem to dominate then ripe black plum and cassis become more evident. The sweet ripe fruit is balanced on the palate by freshness lots of complexity with a lovely spiciness lifting the flavours on the finish.

**Alexandria Red 2012** **92**    **2014-20**

***Vranec 50% Merlot 25% Cabernet Sauvignon 25%***

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose has richness depth of flavour with lots of sweet mainly black fruits on the start of the palate. The mid palate feels fresher some bitter cherry some cassis but it fills out towards the back with ripe damson richer sweeter flavours. The finish has length lighter freshness with spicy sour cherry excitement.

**Alexandria Cuvée 2013** **92**    **2015-22**

***Vranec Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon***

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

The fruit on the nose feels ripe the palate has fleshy richness ripe black plums but under the rich fruit the supple tannins cherry and bilberry lighten and refresh. The finish has spice length with racy bitterness.

**Bela Voda Red 2009** **91**    **2011-16**

***Plavec Mali 70% Vranec 30%***

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

There is an attractive mix of ripe feeling fruits on the nose black fruits, cassis and blackberry, quite minty in character. Sweet flavours fill out the mid palate the ripe fruit enriched by chocolate and cocoa with towards the back a balancing freshness coming from red cherry.

**Bela Voda Red 2010** **92**    **2011-17**

***Plavec Mali 70% Vranec 30%***

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

The fruit on the nose is sweet giving it richness minty black fruits with hints of dark chocolate. There is richness a sweet fleshy feel on the mid palate with lots of fruit, supple tannins and chocolate smoothness. Towards the back a balancing red fruited freshness emerges lifting the flavours on the finish.

*Tasted at Tikves February 2012*

**94 2012-23**

The nose has depth of fruit richness of flavour yet there is an attractive minty spice quality. Ripe fruit is further enriched by coffee and dark chocolate sumptuous fleshy plush with supple tannins. There is power richness sweetness yet a balancing freshness coming from the bilberry and red cherry and this freshness brings out the touch of herbal spice that is there on the finish.

**Bela Voda Red 2011**

**92 2014-20**

***Plavec Mali 70% Vranec 30%***

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Bitter sweet excitement on the nose the palate has redcurrant, bramble and bilberry layers of flavour. The mid palate has depth cocoa richness with the red cherry bitterness the spice giving freshness on the finish.

**Bela Voda 2012**

**90 2015-20**

***Plavec Mali 70% Vranec 30%***

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

The nose is a bit tight the start on the palate firm with a strong black fruited feel. There is a greater depth of flavour on the mid palate lots of black cherry and bramble but at the back the tannins are a bit tight but there is sweet fruit on the finish.

**Bela Voda 2013**

**91 2015-22**

***Plavec Mali Vranec***

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

Fresh on the nose the palate is bright with red fruits a mix of red cherry and redcurrant. It fills out in the middle with sweet ripe fruit the tannins are fine but at the back there is bitter cherry freshness and a lovely length of flavour.

**Barovo Red 2009**

**91 2011-17**

***Kratoshija 85% Vranec 15%***

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

It is very concentrated with lots of powerful black fruits on the nose. Sweet at the start of the palate with bilberry freshness in the middle but then behind black cherry and sloe are deep rich and powerful.

**Barovo Red 2010**

**92 2012-20**

***Kratoshija 85% Vranec 15%***

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

There is a fleshy richness on the nose with a mass of black fruits packing it out. The weight of fruit is there at the start of the palate black plum backed by cassis enriched by some dark

chocolate. Bilberry and red cherry freshness shows towards the back balancing and lightening the richness giving a racy more elegant feel to the finish.

*Tasted at Tikves February 2012*

**93 2012-23**

The nose is packed out with rich fruits mainly black fruits but there are hints of red. The fruit on the palate is ripe and concentrated deep and brooding bramble and black cherry underpinned by dark chocolate. The tannins are rounded and ripe all helping the fleshiness. Towards the back there is freshness bringing out the touch of spice.

**Barovo Red 2011**

**93 2014-24**

***Kratoshija 85% Vranec 15%***

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

Black fruits on the nose are fresh with black cherry bitterness and the start of the palate is lean and mineral. The mid palate has more depth strongly black fruited with just a hint of coffee powerful brooding flavours at the back long lean bitter cherry and bramble excitement on the finish..

**Barovo 2012 from cask**

**92 2015-25**

***Kratoshija 85% Vranec 15%***

*Tasted at the Winery April 2014*

This grape mix has excitement with fresh black fruits on the nose just a hint of bitterness with bramble and bilberry freshness on the start of the palate. The mid palate has power brooding richness but at the back bitter cherry comes through the finish lean long and spicy.

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

**92 2015-15**

The nose has depth the palate starts with ripe black fruits a mid richness and sweetness. Depth of fruit at the back a mix of cassis and firm black cherry the finish though is lighter with old leather and cinnamon lean long with hints of spice.

**Grand Cuvée Domaine Lepovo 2013**

**93 2015-22**

***Vranec Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot***

*Tasted at the Emerging Regions Tasting London September 2015*

Ripe black plums cassis the nose has depth the palate sweet fruit. Under the meaty richness the black fruit the liquorice there is freshness the brightness of red cherry and although quite light at the back the finish has depth rich ripe fruit.

**Sweet Red Wines**

**T'GA ZA Jug Vranec 2008**

**86**

***(Made from semi-dried grapes)***

*Tasted at the winery February 2010*

The nose is packed with sweet bramble and fleshy plum. Behind the black fruit are ripe red, rounded and rather jammy. The tannins are quite aggressive unbalancing the sweetness and giving firmness on the finish.

**Vardarska Dolina Winery  
Tikvesh Wine District**

In 2000 Natasha Lazova and her husband Andon Rizov exported Macedonian wine to Russia but in 2004 wanting to get into wine making they rented a building next to the former Kitvin Winery. Later on the decision was taken to move to some 10 km north of Negontino and 2010 was their first vintage.

**White Wines**

**Riesling 2009** 89 2011-13

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

It is quite light but has some fresh lime on the nose. Slightly sweeter fruit shows on the mid palate but this is balanced by freshness citrus and hints of mineral.

**Riesling 2010** 89 2011-14

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

Tropical fruits give some richness on the nose and flesh on the palate. The layers of fruit give complexity and towards the back lime and apple come through giving freshness although their acidity is quite high giving a slightly hard character on the finish.

**Chardonnay 2009** 91 2011-13

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

There is an attractive combination of lime and apple on the nose but the palate is richer with lots of pineapple. The richness is nicely balanced by the apple and citrus refreshing the back palate.

**Rosé Wines**

**Cabernet Rosé 2010** 90 2011-12

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

The nose has freshness rose petal fragrances with more red fruited weight towards the back. There is an attractive mix of flavours on the palate all quite red fruit in character with a touch of sweetness on the finish.

**Red Wines**

**Pinot Noir 2010** 87 2011-14

*Tasted at the winery February 2011*

There is a good mix of flavours on the nose all quite fragrant. Black fruits dominate the start of the palate but the middle is fresher with more of a mulberry character. Towards the back the freshness tends to hold back the fruit leaving the finish a touch short.

- Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 Rizoff** 86 2011-13  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
This late picked wine (grapes picked at the end of October) has a nose packed out with rich ripe cassis. Although the palate feels sweet at the start the tannins are very firm grippy and chewy and the over dominate the fruit, hold back full fruit expression and dry the finish.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2009** 87 2012-15  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
It is very blackcurrant dominated and although there are some rich flavours on the mid palate the tannins are very firm rather holding back the fruit and shortening the finish.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – out of tank** 87 2012-15  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
The nose is very upfront with lots of minty blackcurrant. The tannins are firm rather holding back the fruit but there is slightly more weight on the back palate.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – out of tank different cuvée** 88 2012-15  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
The nose is richer sweeter strongly cassis in character. The tannins although firm feel ripe and the richer sweeter fruit gives more flesh on the back palate. There are layers of flavour giving more complexity.
- Merlot 2010 – out tank** 88 2012-15  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
Rich ripe fleshy plum is there on the nose quite rich and a bit over fleshy. Although there are hints of freshness the back palate is packed out with rich ripe fruit.
- Merlot 2010 – out of tank no oak** 89 2012-15  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
The rich black plum is sweet lovely ripe fruit. The tannins are rounded giving a supple feel on the mid palate. Behind the black plum is some slightly firm black cherry giving an attractive complexity on the finish.
- Merlot 2010 – out of tank – oak chipped** 86 2012-15  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
There is lots of sweet oak on the nose and it rather overshadows the fruit on the palate. There is some sweet plum in the middle but then the oak comes through overpowering and masking the fruit.
- Vranec 2009** 88 2011-14  
*Tasted at the winery February 2011*  
The red fruit on the nose feels sweet with lots of mulberries in evidence. Behind the sweet flavours is firmer red cherry giving some complexity. The back palate has an attractive spiciness.

**Vranec 2010****87 2012-15***Tasted at the winery February 2011*

Although the nose is quite light there is some attractive spice overlaying the mainly red fruits. The mid palate lacks a bit of depth although towards the back there is a little more richness.

**Sweet White Wines****Muscat de Frontignan 2010****92 2011-14***Tasted at the winery February 2011*

The nose is packed with floral spices. There is lovely sweet fruit on the mid palate hints of peach and apricot with all the perfumed spiciness of the grape showing on the back palate.

**Venec  
Tikvesh Wine District**

**Owned by the agricultural company of the same name with a land holding of 600 hectares some 300 planted with vines they make both wine and other farm produce. After privatisation Venec became a public liability company with 70 % owned by the Jancev family. At first the only wine made came from the local Kratosija grape but today a range of wines are produced.**

**White Wines****Chardonnay 2008****87**

The nose is wonderfully fresh with lime and apple behind the greengage. Fuller flavours come through on the palate some toasty oak towards the back. It is easy but a trifle short.

**Derek Smedley MW**