



# Montenegro

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## Montenegro

*See date & place of Tasting in italics*

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

This small country emerged as the modern Montenegro in May 2006 after a popular vote for independence. Bounded by Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina and Croatia it has a lovely coastline on the Adriatic. The country is covered with forests, is mountainous but still has 4,300 hectares under vines with about half owned by Plantaze. Vranac and Kratosja are the main reds but Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Grenache have been planted whilst with the whites beside the local varieties of Krstac and Zizak one can find R'Kaciteli, Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc

Vule Vujacic  
Crmnica

From a small family winery and only sold locally

### Red Wines

**Crmnicki Prestiz 2013**

**89 2014-19**

***Vranac 100%***

*Tasted on board Sea Cloud A & C Cruise August 2014*

Rich on the nose red fruits and black fruits the palate has depth of flavour a chocolate fleshiness in the middle with fine tannins. There is freshness at the back with a touch of bitter cherry on the finish.

Plantaze  
Podorica

Of the 4,300 hectares planted the company 13-Jul Plantazé has some 2,310 hectares planted. The vineyard is situated in the basin of the Skadar Lake, the Cernovsko Field and majors on two local varieties Krstac for white and Vranac for red. The vineyard is some 40 – 70 metres above sea level and the soil has a strong lime influence.

### White Wines

**Crnogokski Chardonnay 2011**

**88 2012-15**

*Tasted in Budva Montenegro October 2012*

The nose is light lemon fresh with an attractive mix of fragrances. There is some greengage on the palate a slightly sweeter middle but under the richer flavours is the freshness of the lemon and lime mix.

**Red Wines**

**Crnogorski Vranac 2009**

**89 2012-15**

*Tasted on Wizz Air February 2012*

The nose is quite rich with chunky red cherry and the red fruits are very much to the fore on the palate with redcurrant and cherry underpinned by some fleshier strawberry. There is more of a black fruited sweetness towards the back a lovely spiciness on the finish.

*Tasted in Budva Montenegro October 2012*

**91 2012-17**

The nose has some attractive spice a mix of hedgerow berries red cherries and bramble. The fruit is ripe the mid palate sweet fruited with soft supple tannins. At the back the mix of bramble and redcurrant gives complexity and there is some freshness that brings out a touch of pepper.

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