



Slovenia

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**Batic Winery
Sampas
Primorje Region**

White Wines

Pinela 2015 90 2017-20

Pinela 100%

Tasted on Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Cruise June 2017

Ripe pineapple the nose is rich the palate has depth of flavour a hint of sweetness. Spicy freshness at the back there is an attractive citrus mix with a pine needle character on the finish.

Red Wines

Cabernet Franc 2013 93 2017-22

Tasted on Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Cruise June 2017

The nose is bright and fresh bramble and bilberries the palate sweeter and richer supple and smooth in the middle ripe black plum and black cherry there is herbal freshness but it finishes with concentrated fruit velvety richness.

Cuvée Angel 2013 92 2017-22

Merlot 60% Cabernet Sauvignon 25% Cabernet Franc 15%

Tasted on Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Cruise June 2017

The first impression is cassis the nose has freshness the palate has the richness the fleshiness of black plums concentrated fruit at the back with herbal spicy freshness on the long finish.

**Dveri Pax
Jarenina**

White Wines

Sipon Furmint 2015 91 2017-20

Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017

Tasted on Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Cruise June 2017

Light fragrant the nose has a hint of spice the palate fresh crisp apple. Sweeter in the middle a touch of greengage the back palate is fresh the finish fragrant with oriental spices.

Pinot Gris 2015 91 2017-21

Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017

Slate and mineral the nose is fresh the palate citrusy bright at the start. It fills out in the middle tropical fruits the back palate fragrant lighter with flint and apple.

Pinot Gris 2016 91 2017-21

Tasted on Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Cruise June 2017

Slate and mineral the nose is fresh the palate vibrant, citrusy bright at the start. It fills out in the middle tropical fruits the back palate fragrant hints of cinnamon lighter with flint and apple.

Renski Riesling 2015 92 2017-22

Tasted on Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Cruise June 2017

White flowers, citrus the nose has fragrance and freshness the palate is herbal slightly grassy with a mix of flavours. Peachy pineapple sweetness is backed by herbal freshness the finish has length of flavour.

Renski Riesling 2016 92 2017-22

Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017

White flowers, citrus the nose has fragrance and freshness the palate is herbal slightly grassy with a mix of flavours. A hint of mid sweetness is backed by herbal freshness the finish has length of flavour.

Sauvignon Blanc 2016 92 2017-22

*Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017**Tasted on Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Cruise June 2017*

Bright on the nose the palate has gooseberry crispness racy and fresh in the middle. There is enough sweet fruit to balance with a mix of lime and gooseberry refreshing the finish.

Gewürztraminer 2015 92 2017-21

*Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017**Tasted on Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Cruise June 2017*

The nose has a mix of fragrances perfumed and floral the palate is spicy oriental fresh in the middle. A hint of sweetness balances lighter at the back the finish long and perfumed.

Red Wines

Pinot Noir (Modri Pinot) 2011 91 2017-20

Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017

Tasted on Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Cruise June 2017

The nose is fresh and bright the palate has mulberry and bramble layers of flavour. The mid palate has rich fruit depth the back palate is quite sweet but it finishes bright and fresh an intensity and length of flavour.

Blafränkisch (Modra Frankinja) 2009**92 2017-21***Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017**Tasted on Esperanza A & C Dalmatian Cruise June 2017*

Bright and fresh on the nose the palate richer and sweeter with black fruits to the fore. There is a balancing freshness bilberry and bramble red fruits at the back lots of complex flavours the finish is lighter fresh and fruity.

**Gasper
Goriska Brda**

White Wines**Chardonnay Ribola 2014****88 2016-20***Tasted at the Liberty tasting The Oval January 2016*

Light and bright on the nose the start of the palate is fresh. Melon richness in the middle the fruit is sweet but at the back citrus refreshes the finish light and long.

Sivi Pinot 2014**89 2016-20***Tasted at the Liberty tasting The Oval January 2016*

Apple freshness the palate is bright a citrus mix. There is sweet fruit in the middle but at the back the citrus and mineral dominate the finish is light with slate and flint.

Malvazija 2014**92 2016-19***Tasted at the Liberty tasting The Oval January 2016**Tasted at the Royal College of Physicians June 2016*

The nose has acacia blossom fragrances spicy the start of the palate is zesty and fresh. The mid palate has a mix of flavours ground almonds hints of tropical fruits honeyed sweetness yet lime freshness a lovely complex mix. The back palate has spicy citrus perfumed yet there is a touch of honey the finish is racy fresh and long.

**Samostan
Stajerska**

White Wines**Samostan 2014****88 2016-18**

Sauvignon Blanc 33% Pinot Gris 33% Sipon (Furmint) 33%*Tasted in the Carlton Club September 2016*

Floral and herbaceous the nose is fresh the palate quite light with a hint of spicy. There is more depth in the middle fruit salad the back palate light with herbal fresh fruits on the finish.

Edi Simcic
Goriska Brda

Sweet White Wines**Edi's Selection 2004****97 2014-24****Ribolla Gialla Sauvignon Blanc Chardonnay***Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

Tangerine, dried fruits, orange peel, almonds there is a lot happening on the nose. The palate is lush fleshy sweet fruited but towards the back it feels lighter with fresh tangerine but the sweetness comes through at the back fleshy and rich sensuous with a complex mix of ripe flavours.

Marjan Simcic
Goriska Brda

White Wines**Sauvignonasse 2011****89 2013-15***Tasted at the Carlton Club July 2013*

The start is fresh citrus and apple but under the crisp fruit apricot and tangerine give some richness sweetness of flavour. The finish is long fresh fruited lots of lemon and lime.

Ribolla Gialla 2013**89 2014-18****Ribolla Gialla 100%***Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

Greengages the nose is full and the palate starts with richness Apple, a touch of lime gives a lighter fresher feel on the mid palate but at the back and on the finish there is a nice depth of flavour.

Red Wines**Pinot Noir 2009****92 2013-17***Tasted in Lilley June 2013*

The black fruits tend to dominate but there are fresher red some mulberry at the back on both nose and palate. The mid palate has a lovely mix of bramble and red cherry some rich flavours but then there is freshness the back with pine needle spices on the finish.

Merlot Opoka 2009**92****2014-20***Tasted on Board Sea Cloud August 2014*

There is rich fruit sweetness on the nose and a fleshy start to the palate but the mid palate is lighter fresher more red plum and red cherry an attractive mix of flavours. The lighter red fruited mix gives a more elegant feel to the long finish.

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