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2020

'PIKOLA'

Red Piquette | Štajerska - Slovenia



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 60% Pinot Noir - 30% Zweigelt - 10% Riesling
Vineyard: Ritoznoj
Vine Age: 17-years-old
Soil Type: Grey marl
Viticulture: Sustainable - dry-farmed
Fermentation: Native – plastic picking bins
Skin Contact: 7 days
Aging: 7 days in plastic picking bins followed by 10 days in stainless-steel
Alcohol: 7%
Residual Sugar: .9 g/L
pH: 3.41
Total Acidity: 4.07 g/L
Total SO₂: 44 ppm
Total Production: 487 cases
UPC: 3830071120068

About

Nick has been working with this vineyard since he started out on his own in 2010 and in 2018 started producing Janko's wines. The focus of the Gabernik 'pikolas' (or piquettes) is to make that perfect summer/post-harvest thirst-quenching drink. One that is low in alcohol but carries just enough to make things interesting! This pikola is literal by-product of the Gabernik rosé, however there is more attention to detail than just that. In making a pikola, Nick feels that nailing the cleanest fermenting conditions is paramount to a precise and expressive drink. He is also focused on finding that perfect amount of additional fermenting juice to carry the ferment through is the tipping point of the 'wine' being too much or too little.

Nick took the pressed skins of the red blend he produces, which includes Zweigelt, Pinot Noir and a bit of Riesling, then added a bit of water back to the pressings to extract any remaining sugar. The water-laced must began to ferment naturally and after nine days was pressed to tank. He then blended 1/2 of the total volume of fermented juice with unfermented juice to continue the fermentation. When the ferment approached the final stretch it the wine was bottled to finish the fermentation in bottle, giving the brilliant light-sparkling nature of the concoction.

Tasting Note

Magenta. Aromas of mulled plum wine and raspberries leap from the glass. There is a refreshing herbaceousness to the intense but elegant palate that features herbal undertones and a spicy finish.