



# Somló - Hungary



## Awakened From An Age-Long

The heyday of Somló wines began in the 18th century: at that time they considered the wine to be the most coveted elixir of the Habsburgs. Maria Theresia and her husband Franz Stephan highly recommended the Hungarian wine. The legend says that the young princes had, upon imperial order, to secure the siring of a male successor, poured a glass of Somló wine on their wedding night.

## Grofi Dülö

«The Hill of Duke» is the name of the slope on the vulcan on which the Meinklang vines are growing. The picturesque landscape and the climatic tendency are unique. Imposing lava pillars rise up and create thermic air movements. The southern exposure of the hills creates the optimal microclimate, so that the wines on the northern hills thrive also.



## Volcanic Soil

The volcanic mineral earth is ideal for the vines. The basalt has been weathered with loess and light sand deposits to produce a fertile soil. Very loose, with good airflow and heat retention, it is the best foundation for the vines. Their roots penetrate through small rock crevices quite deep into the mountain, taking valuable sustenance minerals.

## J13 – Juhfark

Juhfark is a spirited, fiery, and hardy wine of yellow-gold: extravagant with fine balanced acidity. In German it is called «Sheep Tail», which owes its name to the long, bowed form of the grape bunch. It is one of the oldest Hungarian white wines, also named «Wine of the Throne Heirs». The vine is very delicate and the climatic tendency of Somló supports its optimal growth.

## Somlo White 2015

An old method to get a great biodiversity into a vineyard is the co-planting. Common in Europe in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century, we reintroduced that to Somlo and planted Olaszriesling, Furmint, Juhfark and Harslevelü together at the foot of the hill to get this great balanced diversity which the wine is showing.

## H15 – Harslevelü

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