

TOP WINES FROM BULGARIA

WHITE WINE INDIGENOUS VARIETIES

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2023 Vrachanski Misket, Bononia Estate, 100 % Vrachanski Misket, 13 % ABV, Danube Plain, €16
Juicy and forward, balanced, with tangerines and vanilla cream.



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2023 Tamyanka Single Vineyard, Burgozone, 100 % Tamyanka, 13,5 % ABV, Danube Plain, €15
Pressure, power and intensity, with gooseberry compote and herbs.



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2023 Dimyat Byala Single Vineyard, Odessos, 100 % Dimyat, 11 % ABV, Danube Plain, €15
Structured wine, refreshing, with apple, kiwi and preserved lemon.



WHITE WINE OTHER INTERNATIONAL GRAPE VARIETIES

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2024 Sauvignon Blanc, Chateau Boshnakoff 100 % Sauvignon Blanc, 13 % ABV, Varna, €16
Full-bodied, refreshing and long, with white currants and tomato leaf.



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2023 Natura, dry, Kortan, 50 % Chardonnay, 50 % Dimiat, 12 % ABV, Thrace, €9
Exotic, intense and spicy, with passion fruit and a hint of caramel.



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2024 Pinot Grigio Glushnik Vineyard, Chateau Avli, Pinoit Grigio, 13,5 % ABV, Thrace, €10
Quaffable, balanced, exotic fruit, with banana.



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2024 Leva Winemaker's Selection, Vinex Slavyantsi, 50 % Chardonnay, 30 % Misket, 10 % Dimiat, 10 % Muscat, 13,5 % Thrace, €9
Lusciously invigorating and aromatic, with kiwi, lychee and apple.



ROSÉ WINE

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2023 Grenache Rosé, off-dry, Hands & Friends, 100 % Grenache, 13,5 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €12
Creamy, with refreshing acidity, raspberry and cherry, best served ice cold.



RED WINE INDIGENOUS GRAPE VARIETIES

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2021 Melnik, dry, Aya Estate, 100% Broas-Leaved Melnik, 13 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €20
Delicate and complex, with notes of fig, almond and dark chocolate.



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2022 Mavrud, dry, Rossidi, 100 % Mavrud, 13,5 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €18
Stubbornly elegant, with dried figs, Mediterranean herbs and black tea.



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2021 Aplauz Shiroka Melnik, Villa Melnik, 100 % Broad-Leaved Melnik, 14,5 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €18
Complex and elegant, subtle tannins, smoky, dark berries, leather, black pepper.



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2023 The Maiden, Magura, 100 % Gamza, 12,5 % ABV, Danube Plain, €18
Juicy and inviting, delicate with lots of cherry.



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2019 Enoteca, Minkov Brothers, 100 % Rubin, 13,5 % ABV, Karnobat, €25
Full-bodied, powerful, intense with Amarena cherry, chocolate and coffee.



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2019 Rubin „Jaquelin“ Private Reserve, Bratanov, 100 % Rubin, 14,5 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €35
Abstract and tightly woven, fruit bombs with blackberry and cherry, spicy oak.



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2017 Gramatik Melnik 55, Rupel Winery, 100 % Melnik 55, 14 % ABV, Struma Valley, €15
Juicy and elegant, young for its age, delicate tannins and seductive black cherry and dark berries.



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2013 Maximus „Thrax“, Brestovitsa Winery, 100 % Mavrud, 13,5 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €15
Concentrated and complex, smoky with dried fruits and black tea.



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2021 Gamza Barrique 21, Novo Selo 100 % Gamza 13,5 % ABV, Danube Plain, €15
Accessible and spicy, yellow plum, pomegranate and coffee.



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2020 Gamza Black Pack, Borovitzza 100 % Gamza, 12,5 % ABV, Danube Plain, €14
Juicy and young, easy drinking, cherry, caramel and pepper.



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2019 Reserve Mavrud, Zagreus Winery, 100 % Mavrud, 14 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €9
Dense and concentrated, lots of herbs and roasted notes, with plum and cinnamon.





Viticulture in the Bulgarian Danube Plain: A lot of Gamza grows here. (Foto: AdobeStock/nerksi)

CABERNET SAUVIGNON & CABERNET FRANC RED WINE

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2020 Cabernet Franc, Salla Estate, 100 % Cabernet Franc, 14 % ABV, Danube Plain, €23
Juicy and complex, savory, polished tannins, cassis, green bell pepper.



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2023 Cabernet Sauvignon, Via Antica Winery, 100 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 14,5 % ABV, Thracian Lowland, €22
Balanced, concentrated and approachable, dark chocolate, blackcurrant.



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2018 Castellum Cabernet Franc, Karabunar Estate, 100 % Cabernet Franc, 14 % ABV, Thracian Lowland, €15
Powerful and dense, with structuring tannins, dark chocolate, almonds, and Amarena cherries. Long finish.



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2022 Cabernet Sauvignon & Rubin, Tipchenitza Winery, Cabernet Sauvignon & Rubin, 14,5 % ABV, North-West Bulgaria, €21
Spicy and warming, with notes of gingerbread, tobacco and cassis.



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2021 Find Me, Black Sea Gold Pomorie, 100 % Cabernet Franc, 13 % ABV, Pomorie Region, €9
Fruit-driven, invigorating and open, with cherry juice, red bell pepper and coffee.



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2020 Via Aristoteles, Orbelia, 100 % Cabernet Franc, 14,5 % ABV, Thracian Lowland, €17
Tightly woven, powerful and approachable, with cassis, blackcurrant leaf and dark chocolate



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2021 Zitara Cabernet Franc, dry, Four Friends, 100 % Cabernet Franc, 14,5 % ABV, Thracian Lowland, €11
Polished, delicately structured and concentrated, with blackcurrant juice, milk chocolate and green bell pepper.



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2022 Stallion Classic, Angel's Estate, 60 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 20 % Cabernet Franc, 10 % Syrah, 10 % Merlot, 14,5 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €22
Powerful and engaging with sweet, ripe fruit: pomegranate and plum.



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2022 Cabernet Franc Barrel Reserve 2022, Downtown Urban Winery, 100 % Cabernet Franc, 13 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €19
Delicate and light, with fig, cassis and a hint of smoke.



RED WINE OTHER INTERNATIONAL GRAPE VARIETIES

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2019 Vineyard Selection Tenevo, Villa Yambol, Merlot & Cabernet Franc & Petit Verdot, 13 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €26
Soft and velvety, with a hint of smoke, green bell pepper, cassis and sandalwood.



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2022 Merlot Barrique Special Selection, Dives Winery, 100 % Merlot, 14 % ABV, Thracian Lowland, €13
Soft and playful, yet relaxed, with blackberries, black cherries and almonds.



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2021 Face to Face (F2F), New Bloom Winery, 100 % Dornfelder, 13 % ABV, Thracian Valley, €13
Uncomplicated, light and fruity, with orange, lychee, cherry and caramel.



★★★★+ = Outstanding wine

★★★★ = Great wine

★★★ = Special wine

★ = Very good wine