

Business Roundtable with Winetasting

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A Touch of History

- Grapevine one of the oldest plants in the world;
- Grapevine much older than mankind;
- Findings confirm that as early as 130 million years ago, there were a number of varieties of grapevine;
- The origin of grapevine remains uncertain:
 - It is believed to come from south Caucasus,
 - Recent theories also places its homeland in the tropical zone;
- In Damascus grapes were pressed to produce wine as early as 8000 ago – it is certain
- That was the era when the history of wine began!

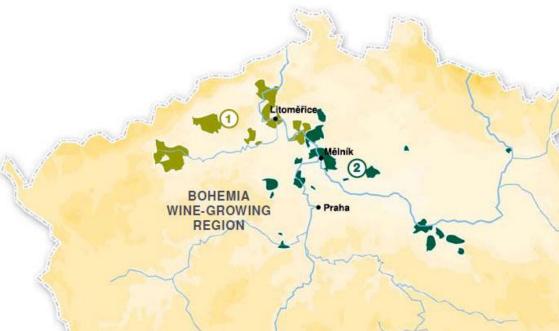
... in our territory

- the Celts are believed— to have been the first winemakers;
- the foundation stone of wine production was laid mainly during the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius;
- the Romans moved the border of growing generous vine across the Danube into our lowlands of the Palava and further North along the Dyje, Svratka and Morava Rivers;
- the foundation charter of the Hradisko u Olomouce monastery of 1078 mentions winemakers;
- reports from Predklasteri (near Tisnov), dated 1228 speak about establishing vineyards in the whole region around Brno.

Czech winemaking ...

- gained importance during the reign of famous Czech King and Roman Emperor Charles IV. :
 - who was dedicated to the establishment of new vineyards,
 - who high quality vine varieties imported mainly from Burgundy but also Germany,
 - his wise orders and decrees supported the development of wine production, respected the territories and freedom of the owners of land and vineyards;
- modern history of Bohemian and Moravian winemaking dates back to the early 1990s;
- In 1995 coming into force of the Vine-Growing and Winemaking Act – defined the terms of grape and wine. production.

Wine-Growing region



Total:

18.395 hectares 377 wine-centers (villages)

19.430 wine-makers

Bohemian:

with under 750 hectares this region is the smallest in size;

Moravian:

here happens main portion (90%) of the winemaking



Moravian Wine-Growing region



... and my vineyeards in Slovacko Subregion:

total area 5000 ha, 115 wine-centers, 406 wine localities (vineyards)

Winery DVOŘÁČEK LTM, s.r.o.

- small family business (2 ha + 1,5 ha planted in 2012);
- grape growing and quality wine production for over two decades;
- LTM owned by me (<u>Lubomir</u>) and my adult children (<u>Tomas</u> and <u>Martina</u>);
- member of the COLLEGIUM VINITORUM association from M.N.Ves;
- Producing high-quality wine since 1996, professionally since 2000;
- annually processing 18 to 24 tons of grapes in four white and six red varieties.

To prune vines for 1 stemlet and 1 horizontal draw



Vineyeard "Stara Hora" in village Moravská Nová Ves, permanently grassed





Winery DVOŘÁČEK LTM, s.r.o.

- specializes on production of high quality natural Moravian wine;
- abide with strict rules and principles not only in the wineproduction itself, but also in the process of the cultivation;
- use only the best seedlings for outplanting;
- dress with organic and green fertilizer only,
- before use any chemical protection we always make a use of the forecast and signalization of diseases and pests,
- respect the principles of integrated production of grapevine;
- prune vines for one stemlet and one horizontal draw;
- elder vineyards are permanently grassed.

We strictly reduce our yield



... really reduce



Reduction - result



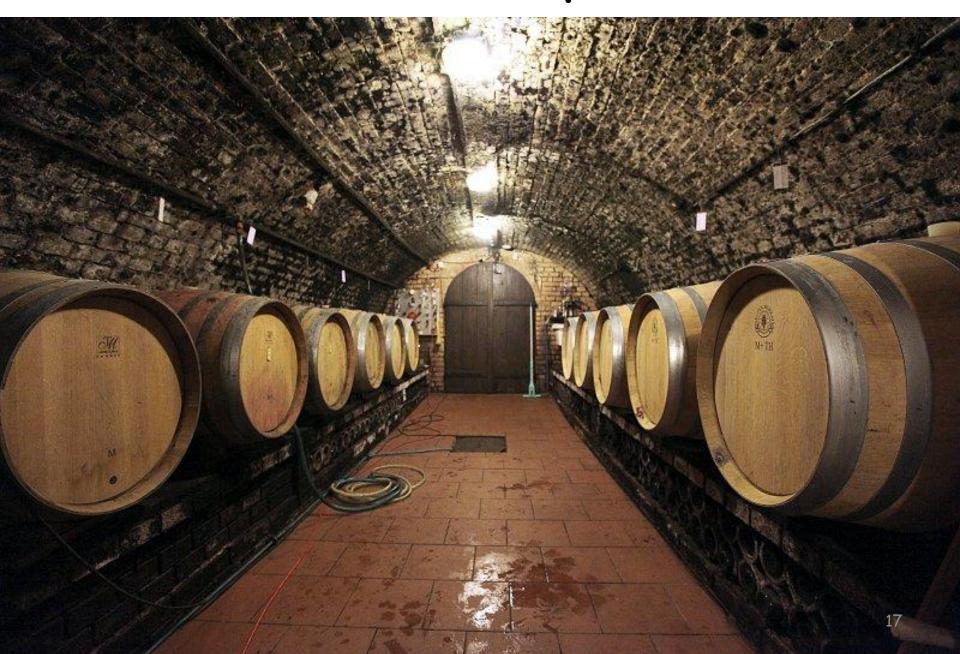
Winery DVOŘÁČEK LTM, s.r.o.

- is currently specializing in the cultivation of 10 basic varieties:
 - white varieties: Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Ryzlink Rynsky, Traminer,
 - red varieties: Blue Port, Zweigeltrebe, Cabernet Moravia,
 Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Pinot Noir;
- The grapes are harvested always in the top quality the long-term average yield does not exceed one kg per shrub;
- Annual production tops at 15 to 20 thousand bottles mostly wines with special attributes, including ice-wine and barrique wine.

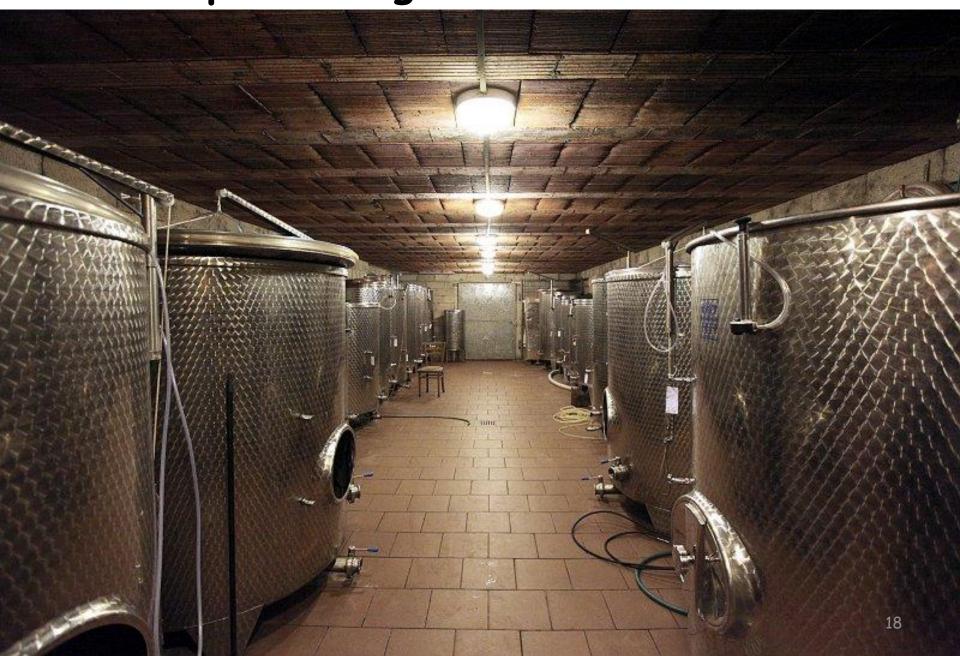
Wine-cellar, Mikulčice



Wine-cellar: barrique barrels room



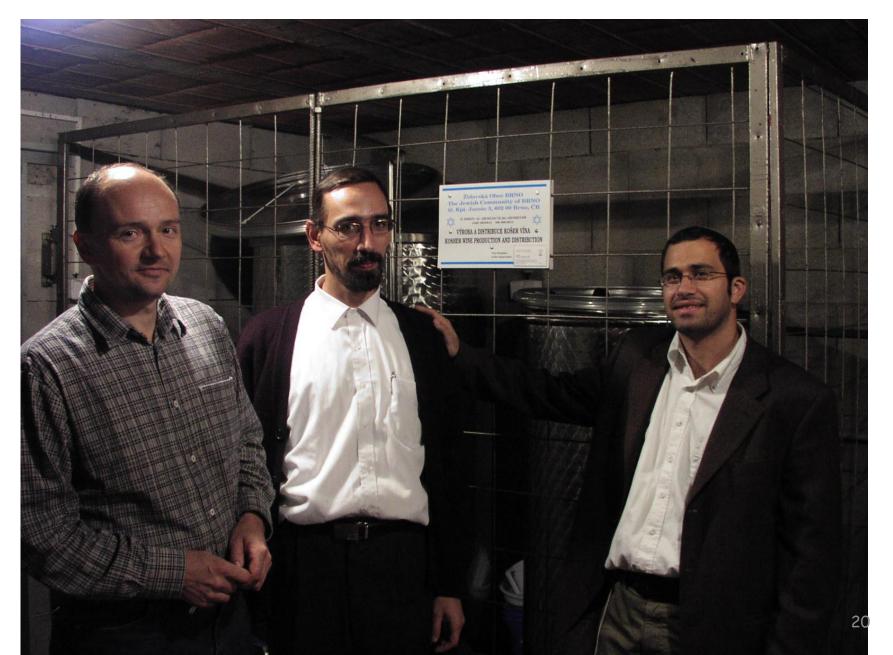
Modern processing area with metal barrels



KOSHER wine

- we became the second producer of kosher wine in the Czech Republic in 2005;
- We are the first winery in the world, where kosher wine is made in totally non-Jewish area;
- All operations during processing period must be done by observant Jew only – by rabbi himself;
- Processing period starts when juice flow out from grapes and ends when the wine is bottled and close by cork and capsule;
- The whole production line must be extremely clean and either dedicated for kosher wine only;
- Kosher wines entitles to use attribute "not yaiyn mevushal" (unpasteurized) and approved for Passover (essentials attribute for orthodox consumers, who strictly follow the Torah).

Rabbi Koller and rabbi Menachel Kalchaim



Jewish box with KOSHER wine - detail



Rabbi Koller – crushing, desteming grapes



Rabbi Koller – moving must



Rabbi Koller - pressing



Rabbi Koller – bottling





Thank you very much for your attention Happy tasting of our wines

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