

The Alana-Tokaj Vineyards

"You certainly own a lot of fabled acreage, I must say.

I don't ever receive invitations from unknown new Burgundy vintners like that (Oh, we own 3 hectares of Richebourg, 7 Grands Echezeaux, 10 Beaumonts...)"

David Schildknecht, The Wine Advocate, letter to Alana-Tokaj

Our vines grow on:

22 acres (8.8 hectares) - on the first class slope of Betsek,

6 acres (2.4 hectares) - first class Kiraly,

25.5 acres (10.3 hectares) - Veresek,

and a few small first class experimental plots.

Our ancestors first recognized the greatness of these sites back in the 1500s and created the first ever official vineyard classification system in the world. In order to make the most natural and most delicious wine we can from this unique terroir we refuse any and all shortcuts. We pushed back to traditional ultra-low yields, below those of Yquem, and returned to extreme late harvest, still working in late December, when around the globe all others have already left the vines. We never purchase or contract grapes. We use no fertilizers, no herbicide, no irrigation. We hand prune, hand till all season, and hand harvest all of our grapes.

On each hectare we grow 5,000 vines, at low and medium height, close to the Earth's warmth. Our average yield is 2 barrels of sweet wine per acre, or 4.5 barrels per hectare. Each glass of our wine represents the concentrated essence of an entire vine.

We believe that the wines should speak volumes of what is possible if you have the right approach and dedication. Above all, we strive to make them just what you would expect them to be: unique, pure and delicious.