

EGER'S EXCELLENCE: IN THE SUPER 12

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Although Somló and Villány have swooped down on the prizes of Best White and Best Red Wine in the challenge of the Circle of Hungarian Wine Writers; there have only been two Eger cellars who were able to excel both in the fields of red and white wines and get into the Super 12 with two lots.

The Hungarian Wine Grand Prix of the Circle of the Hungarian Wine Writers was handed over a few days ago in the Déri Museum in Debrecen to Imre Györgykovács of Somló for his 2015 Nagy-Somlói Furmint and to Csaba Koch for his 2012 Villányi Csanád cuvée. Probably less people have noticed that solely the St. Andrea Vineyards and Winery of Eger and the Kovács Nimród Winery had gotten into the teams of the 12 best white and 12 best red wines of Hungary with two-two of their lots respectively.

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The success was rewarded by the Debrecen Winery Magazine as well with a special prize given to the most productive winery. Not by chance. Usually winemakers excel either in the category of white or in the category of red wines of a given wine region; and it is rather rare that they can produce an outstanding result in the other category or kind. However, this is exactly what has happened in case of the 2015 Battonage of Kovács Nimród and his 2013 Soul Syrah. It is the personal conviction of Nimród's that the Eger wine region is very similar to Burgundy and the Rhône Valley with respect to its climate and soil, therefore, he has planted there-native species in the premium terroirs of Nyilasmár and Nagyfai. Due to the attentive and uncompromising work, these wines, which the Circle of Hungarian Writers has just credited, have been awarded with gold medals in the biggest international wine challenges and competitions as well. This fact has more than one meaning; on the one hand, the Eger wine region gives something extra to the international varieties, and on the other hand, it shows that Eger has its rightful place in the most fastidious international high gastronomy as well.

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