



## Festive music and wine: All that jazz!

Many of us wish to calm down, have a rest and forget about the year-long fatigue in the company of our beloved family now, that Christmas is approaching. Festive mood can be heightened by some calming music and a glass of premium wine, which pull us out of the everyday swirl. The unique lots originating from the excellent Monopole terroirs of the Kovács Nimród Winery of Eger refer in their name to all that can offer pleasure and creative entertainment at the same time: All that jazz.

The series named All that jazz salutes different worlds as Kovács Nimród sees it; he received the opportunities and first successes from the American continent, while his homeland has offered him the chance to show the world what the Eger wine region is capable of with the proper attitude and expertise. Art, or to be more exact, the paintings of László Gyémánt (his painting especially, titled as All that jazz inspired the wine family) and music lift the soul and make the soul forget about the everyday tasks; and a beautiful wine brings it even closer to the celebrated transcendence around Christmas time.



The genre, dixieland was born at the beginning of the 20th century in Louisiana; by blending ragtime and blues, it has become one of the earliest versions of jazz. Mostly, the trumpet had played the melody in the dixieland standards in New Orleans in the 1910s, while the other musical instruments improvised to it. Chardonnay plays the leading melody in KNW's **Dixie**, while the vibrant presence of the szürkebarát (grey friar) creates a new, superior quality.



The story of Rhapsody in Blue goes back to the 20s. This musical artwork by George Gershwin composed for solo piano and jazz band had fascinated the New York audience. Kovács Nimród's 2014 Bull's Blood, **Rhapsody** stands upon different 'musical instruments' as well. The foundation is provided by the kékfankos, which is complemented by pinot noir, syrah, cabernet franc and merlot varietals; which look like an eclectic performance, but only at first sight and thought.



The 2013 **Cool** Noir guides us to New York, where Miles Davis jazz legend had recorded his album, Cool, featuring 12 songs, in 1949-50. With this album, he had laid the foundations of cool jazz, which by then had matured into a full-fledged style of its own. KNW as well blends a Northern Rhone Valley varietal with the classic Burgundian pinot noir pioneeringly; the beautiful acidity is complemented by a flavor reminiscing cherry liqueur and blue plum.



Soul was born approximately 70 years ago from jazz, rhythm and blues and Afro-American gospel music. James Brown and Aretha Franklin had been conquering the top lists from the 60s on with their songs filled with life and profuse, exuberant energies. The 2015 **Soul** varietal was made of syrah variety and it besieges the podium finishes in the biggest international wine challenges in turns.



Although the name of this musical series is All that jazz, we should not forget about the true basics, which are rooted in 19th century blues. This genre started out from the Afro-American communities, where the standard chord runs were accompanied by spiritual songs. The 2014 Kékfrankos varietal by Kovács Nimród, **Blues** is based upon such strong foundations. It is an effective weapon against the blue devils, who are lurking around man, causing him sadness.

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