

# RED WINES ON THE RED CARPET – EXPRESSIONS OF KÉKFRANKOS AND BIKAVÉR

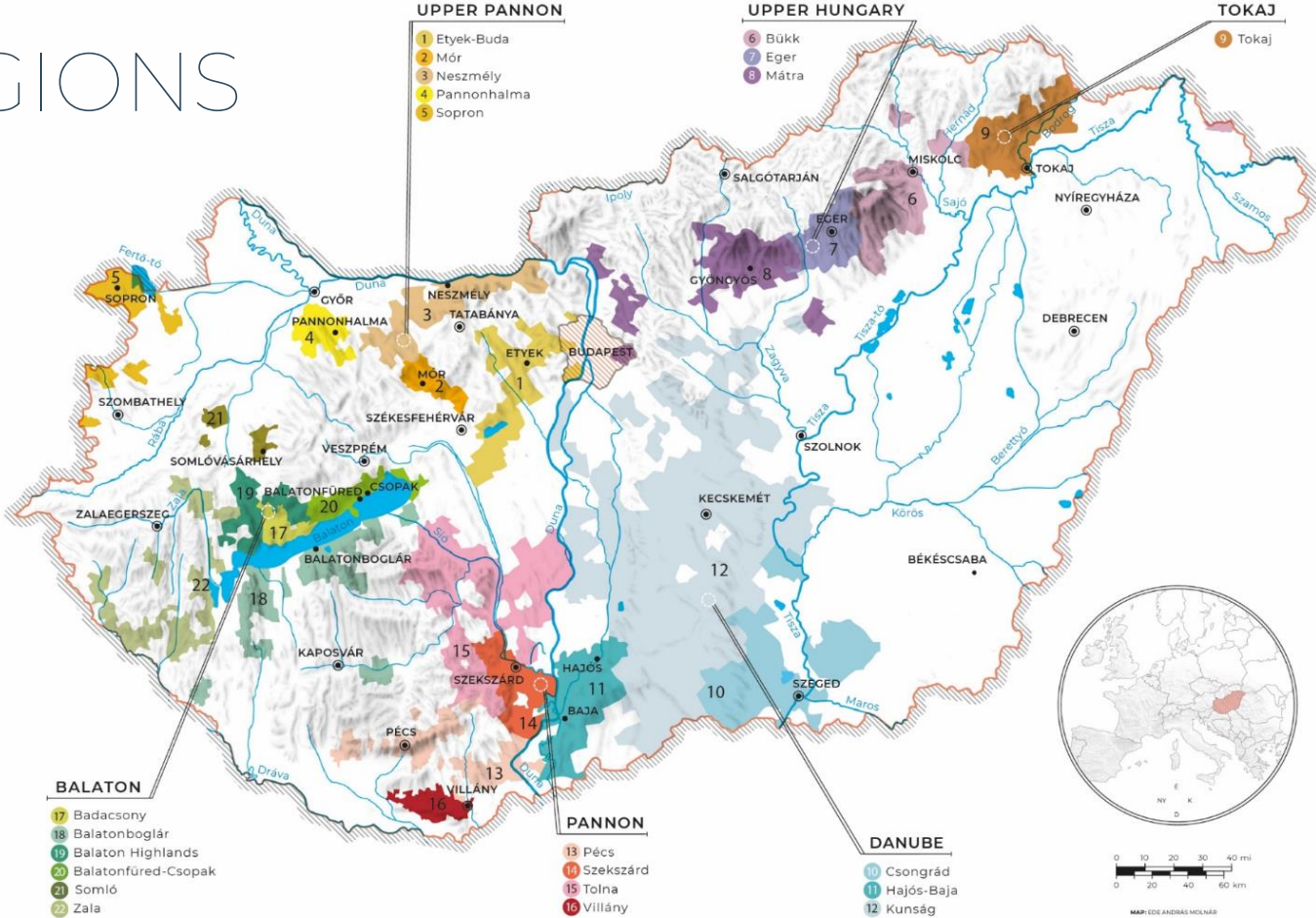
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HUNGARIAN  
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# WINE REGIONS



# HUNGARY

- Continental climate, warm summer
  - and long, dry autumn
  - Annual rainfall: 550ml/year
  - Main rivers: Danube, Tisza
  - 6 regions, 22 subregions
- 180 grape varieties, 34 indigenous varieties
- 58.000 ha (2/3 white, 1/3 red), 2,9 million hl in 2022 (18th century 3rd biggest in the world, 570.000 ha)
  - 8th biggest in EU
- export: UK, CR, Slovakia, Germany, Poland, USA
- winemaking history dating back to Roman times



# KÉKFRANKOS

- Pron: kek-fhran-kos
- known as Blaufränkisch in Austria
- medium-high tannin level, acidity driven
- very reliable in Hungary
- most planted grape in Szekszard and Eger
- global warming
- very diverse: rose, light-full bodied red wines, used in blends
- similar to Syrah from North-Rhone
- violet, cherries, black pepper





# HOOP WINES



Owner: Zoltán Kerekes



• Winemaker: **Zoltán Kerekes**



• Year of Foundation: 2019

# GEREG KÉKFRANKOS, 2021

Grape  
variety

Kékfrankos



Number of  
bottles  
produced

600

Alcohol

14,7%

Total acidity

6.7 g/l

- Residual sugar

2.5 g/l





# ETYEKI KÚRIA



• Estate Manager: **László Babarczi**

• Winemaker: **Sándor Mérész**

• Area Under Vine: **45 ha**

# ETYEKI KÚRIA SOPRONI KÉKFRANKOS, 2019



Grape variety      Kékfrankos

Number of bottles produced      7500

Alcohol      **13%**

Total acidity      6.2 g/l

Residual sugar      1.3 g/l

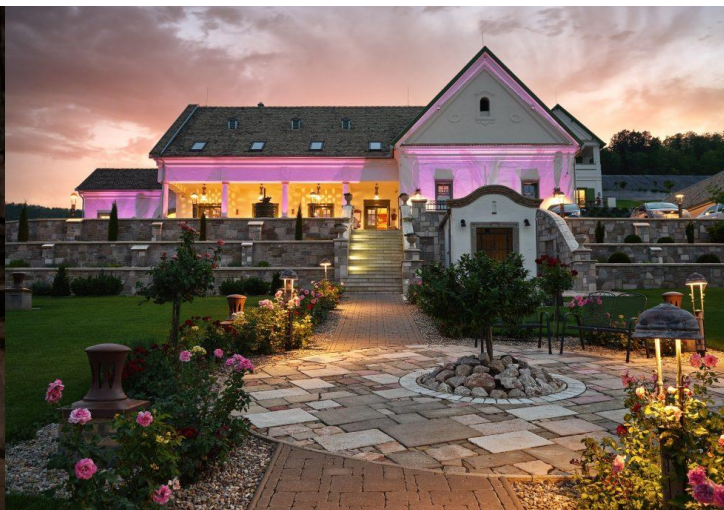








# TAKLER WINE ESTATE



- Owner: **András Takler,**  
**Ferenc Takler Jr.**

- Winemaker: **Ferenc Takler Jr.**

- Area Under Vine: **81 ha**

# GUROVICAI KÉKFRANKOS, 2020

Grape variety 100% Kékfrankos



Number of bottles produced 4000

Alcohol 14%

Total acidity 5.6 g/l

Residual sugar 1.5 g/l

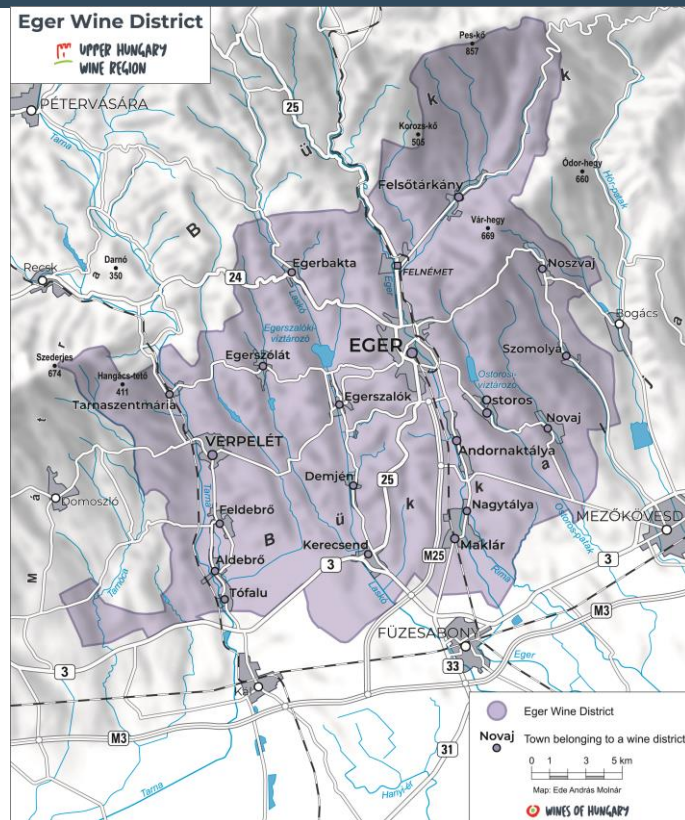


# Eger

## WINE DISTRICT

Growing area: 5 473 HA

- A volcanic wine district of Hungary with varied soil types: rhyolite tuff, limestone, dolomite and shale
- Continental climate
- Best known for a red blend called Egri Bikavér and its white counterpart, Egri Csillag (Star of Eger)
- Recommendation of the Hungarian AIWS wine experts to discover: Egri Bikavér
- Kékfrankos, M, Cab. S, Cab.f, PN, Zweigelt, Syrah  
Olaszrizling, Hárslevelű, Leányka, Muskotály, Chard, S.B
- Egri bottle



# KOVÁCS NIMRÓD WINERY



• Owner: **Nimród Kovács**

• Winemaker: **István Polyák**

• Year of Foundation: **2009**

# GRAND BLEU, 2017

Grape variety 100% Kékfrankos

Number of bottles produced 3500

Alcohol 13,5%

Total acidity 6.3 g/l

- Residual sugar 1.5 g/l



# Szekszárdi Bikavér regulation



- Szekszárd Bikavér:
- Min. 3 grapes
- Min. 12 months ageing
- Min. 45 % Kékfrankos, min. 5% Kadarka + international varieties
- Premium Bikavér:
- Min. 3 grapes, max 55 hl/ha
- Hand harvest
- Min. 12 months in oak + 12 months in bottle



# SEBESTYÉN



- Owner: Csaba Sebestyén
- Winemaker: Csaba Sebestyén
- Area Under Vine: 17 ha



# IVÁN BIKAVÉR, 2019

Grape  
variety

Kékfrankos

Number of  
bottles  
produced

4 000

Alcohol

**13,5%**

Total  
acidity

5.6 g/l

Residual sugar 2 g/l



# ESZTERBAUER WINERY



• Owner: **János Eszterbauer**



• Winemaker: **Miklós Klein**



• Area Under Vine: **35 ha**

# BÁRÓ STEINER BIKAVÉR, 2020

Grape variety 50% Kékfrankos, 25% Merle ✨  
15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5%  
Kadarka, 5% Cabernet Franc

Number of bottles produced 5 026

Alcohol 13,82%

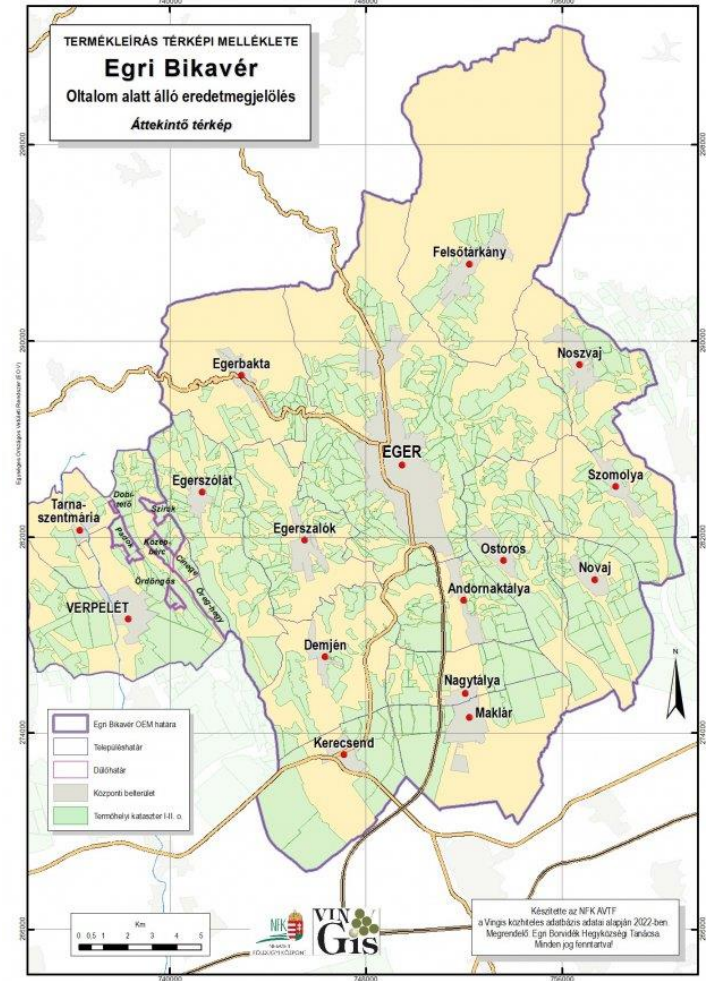
Total acidity 5.6 g/l

- Residual sugar 1 g/l



# Eger vineyard map

- 242 single vineyards
- Most important ones: Nagy-Eged, Síkhegy, Hangács, Mészhegy, Pajados



## Egri Bikavér regulation



- Egri Bikavér :min. 4 grapes, Kékfrankos 30-65 %
- Egri Bikavér Classicus:
  - 100 hl / ha, min. 6 month of ageing
- Egri Bikavér Superior: max 60hl/ha
  - min. 12 months aging, "1552" unique bottle
- Egri Bikavér Grand Superior: max. 35 hl/ha, min. 12 months of ageing,
  - "1552" unique bottle, single vineyard



# Unique bottle of Bikavér



# ST. ANDREA VINEYARD



• Owner: Dr. György Lőrincz

• Winemaker: Dr. György Lőrincz

• Area Under Vine: 50 ha

# MERENGŐ, 2021

Grape  
variety

38% Kékfrankos, 26%  
Cabernet Franc, 18% Merlot,  
11% Pinot Noir, 7% Syrah



Number of  
bottles  
produced

24 000

Alcohol

**15%**

Total acidity

5.5 g/l

Residual  
sugar

1.1 g/l







# GAL TIBOR WINERY



• Owner: **Tibor Gál**

Winemaker: **Tibor Gál**

Area Under Vine: **35 ha**

# SÍKHEGY 2017

Grape  
variety

Kékfrankos, Kadarka,  
Cabernet franc, Syrah,  
Pinot Noir

Number of  
bottles  
produced

4800

Alcohol

**13,84%**

Total acidity

5,5%

Residual sugar

1,9%



# THANKS!



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