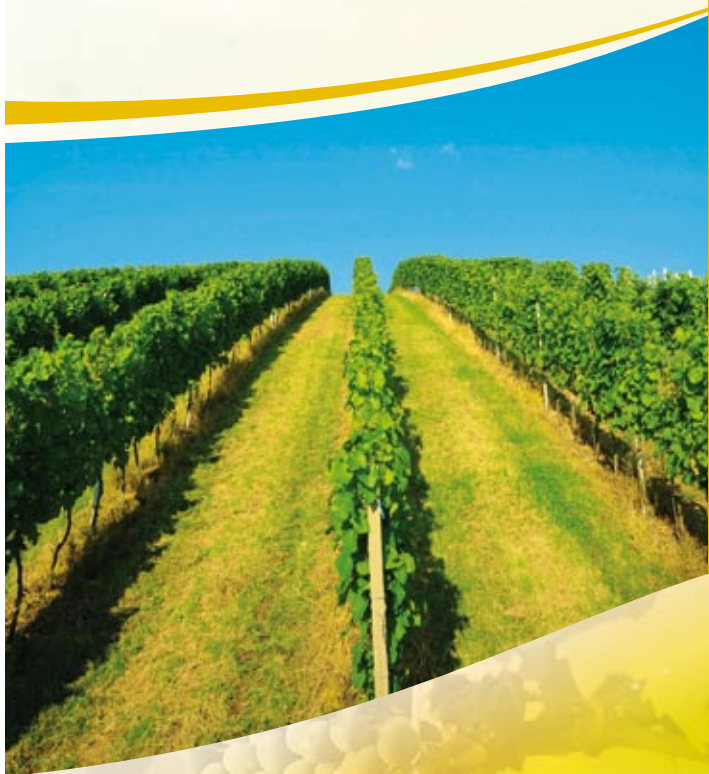


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I. Tokaj Wine Route

- The Tokaj wine region is the smallest vineyard area both in Slovakia and in the world. It covers only area of 907 ha and lies southward from Trebišov. The wine region includes the villages Bara, Čerhov, Černocho, Malá Trňa, Slovenské Nové Mesto, Veľká Trňa, Viničky, Borša, Zemplín, Ladmovce etc.

The Tokaj wine region is peculiar by its own wine grape varieties that are Furmint, Lipovina and Muškát žltý. Dry (Altar Wine, Dry Tokaj Spontaneous Wine), sweet (Sweet Tokaj Spontaneous Wine, 2-6 puttony Tokaj selection) and varietal wines are produced from them.

Because of the fact that this vineyard area is so specific and its history, attractions, traditions and customs, technologies of production or grape growing method are attractive for people, a so-called Tokaj Wine Route was established to promote tourism, culture and cultural and social life in this region.

On Tokaj Wine Route, you can find Tokaj villages, wine breeders and viticulturalists, cultural and historical monuments, wine shops, wine bars, providers of catering and accommodation services, travel agencies, craftsmen and associations participating in development of the Tokaj wine region.



Tokaj Macík Winery, s.r.o., Malá Trňa

- This young progressive family winery operates in the centre of Slovak Tokaj. It follows a rich wine-growing tradition. New generation of this vineyard family also further maintains winemaking of classical Tokaj wine that implies production using oxidation method and wine matures in medieval tufa cellar. Future belongs to wines of the new generation, and that is why you will also find a new production hall in Malá Trňa where "modern Tokaj" is produced by special reduction technology from the basic varieties of Furmint, Lipovina and Muškát žltý.



Directly at their winery, the Macíks offer accommodation for 23 persons in a new stylish guesthouse and right in the medieval tufa cellar, offer wine tasting as well as traditional Zemplín and Hungarian gastronomic specialties.



Anna Nagyová - Zlatý stravec, Viničky

- The company Zlatý stravec was founded in 1992 by the married couple Anna and Gejza Nagy and belongs to the most famous private vineyard companies in Tokaj wine region. The winery is a recognized label holder of the wines originating in the Tokaj region and has gained several awards for its quality products at domestic and international exhibitions.

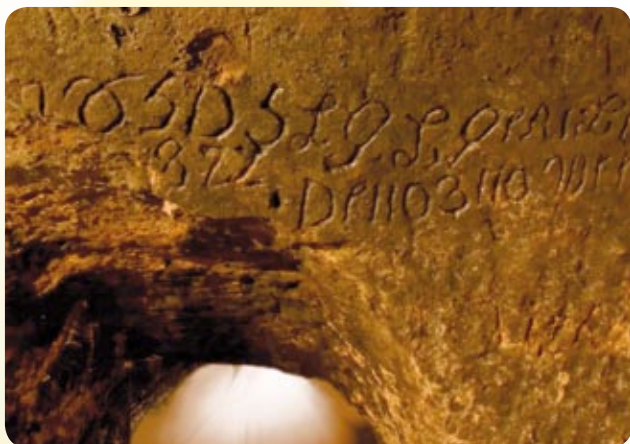
It is a typical family vineyard that already employs three generations of wine growers. The company owns vineyard area of ca. 7 ha, where traditional Tokaj varieties Furmint, Lipovina and Muškát žltý are grown. From the historical point of view, just these varieties have appeared as the most convenient for production of Tokaj wines. Wine is produced by classic oxidation method using modern technologies. Wine matures in tufa cellars with the capacity of 45,000 litres of wine.

A wine tasting room for 16 persons operated all year round is located directly in the interior of the company's cellars. An attractive summer gazebo for 45 hosts in which delicious wines are served and local culinary specialty offered to the tunes of pleasant music is also situated in the premises of the winery. The firm also provides a storage room for long-standing customers to store their own wines.

The company Zlatý stravec wins the greatest recognition when people from entire Slovakia come to this small family winery to taste the original Tokaj varietal and selection wines.



Tokaj & CO, s. r. o., Malá Trňa



- Winery with the main manufacture in Slovenské Nové Mesto was established in year 2007, but is worth mentioning. Its wines that mature four or twelve years wait for their quality in the unique tufa cellar from the 14th century, which is a national cultural monument. Cellar tunnels stretch the total length of 2.5 km. Besides classic Tokaj wines, the company also produces Tokajský forditáš and Altar Wine.



Tokajska spoločnosť Viničky s.r.o.

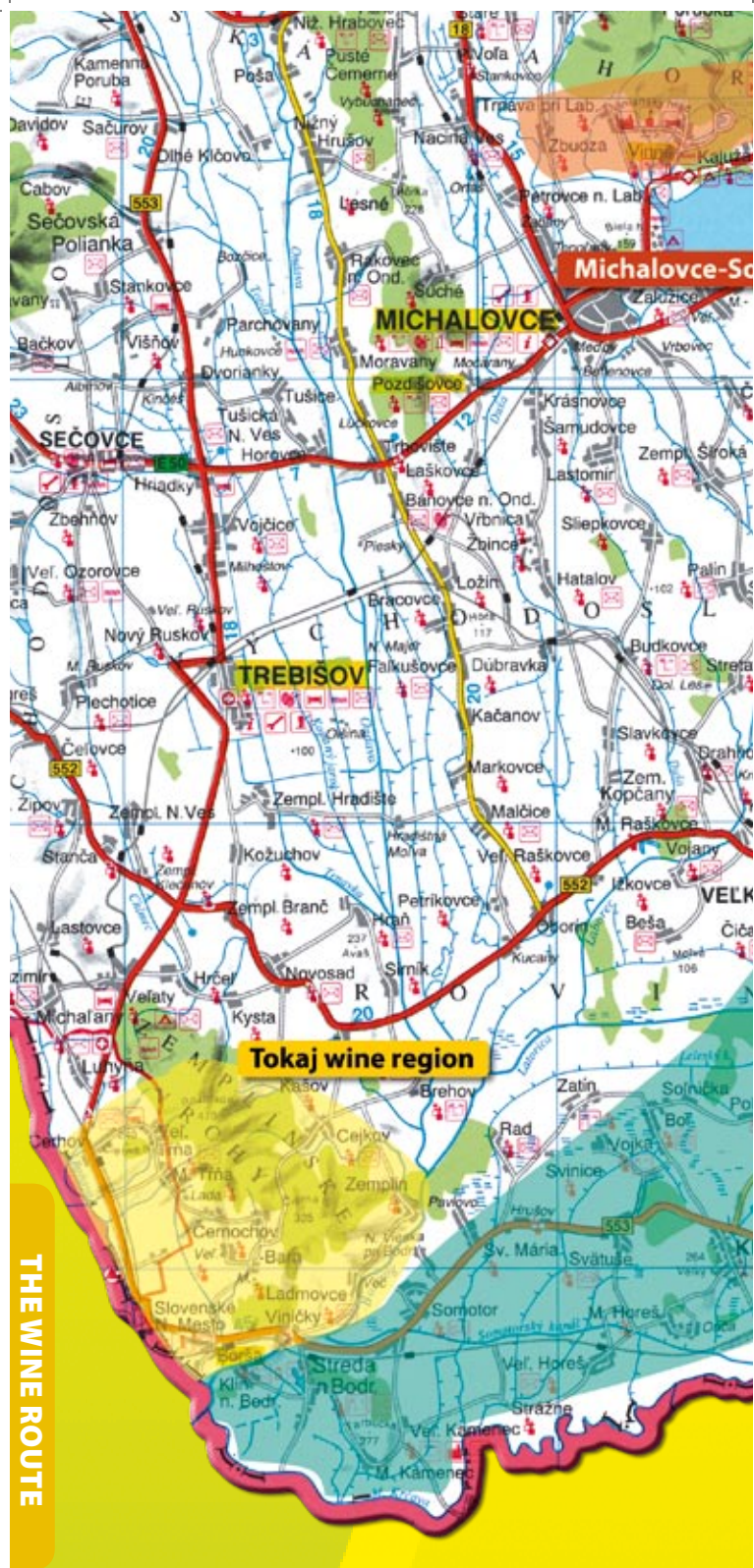
- Tokaj Company Viničky s.r.o. deals with processing of Tokaj grape varieties and production, sale and distribution of Tokaj wine. Managing director of the company founded in 2001 is Mr Štefan Duč, who comes from one of the famous villages in Tokaj wine region, the village of Bara.



The idea of establishing the company, which would contribute to development and support of Tokaj wine region, stuck in the mind of Mr Duč as a challenge. He has been growing up familiar with the terms relating to Tokaj wine since his early childhood and encountered Tokaj region at home, by his father and grandfather, who, on their own private vineyards, grew wine varieties, from which they produced Tokaj wine.

Production of Tokaj wine and processing of Tokaj grape varieties have become his main specialization with the respect to maintaining traditional recipes and high quality of Tokaj wine. The aim of the company is also to develop new wine producing technologies, mainly at the level of controlled fermentation that comes from advanced French winemaking plants, following the traditions of Tokaj region and brand "TOKAJ" integration in the market, both on the domestic and international fronts.





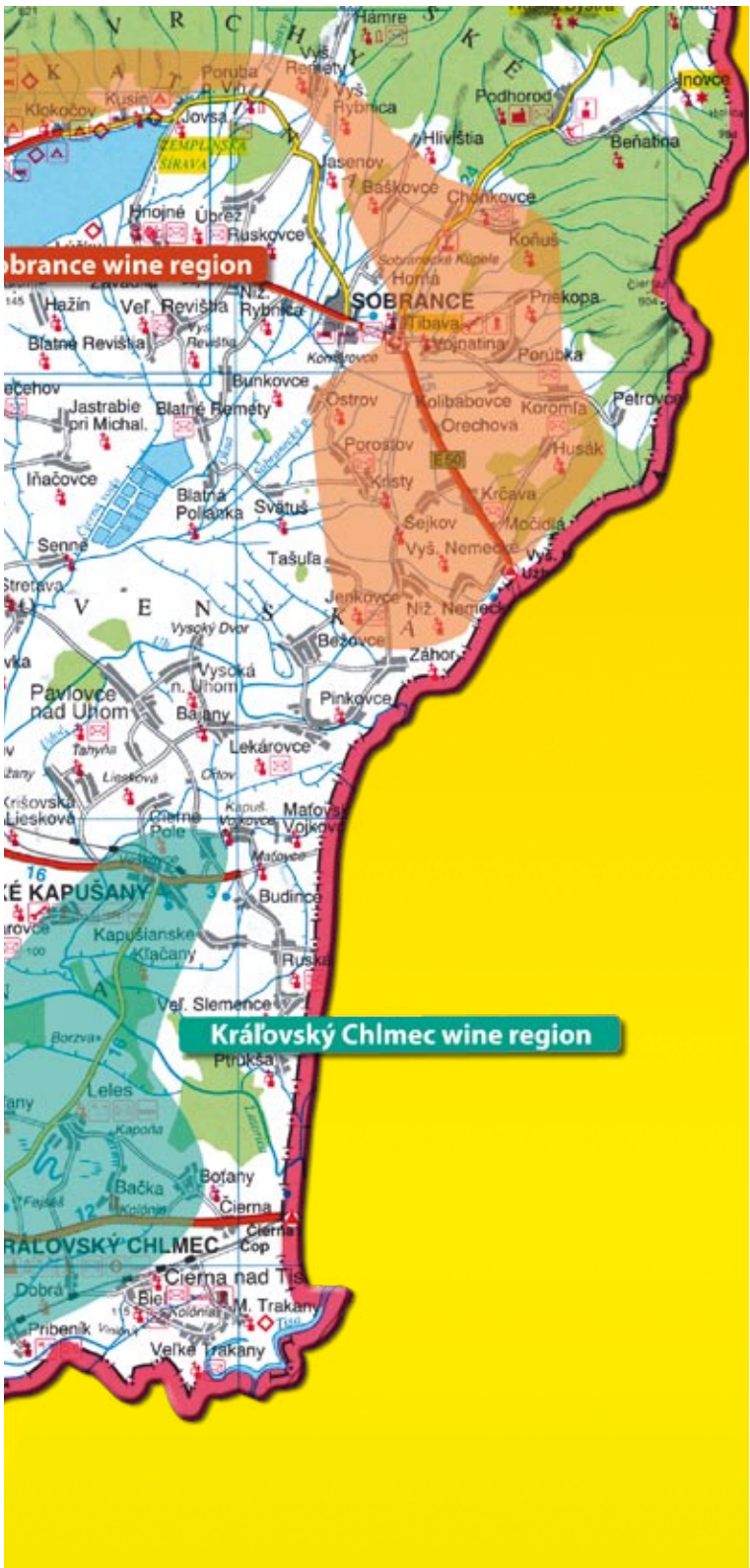
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Tokaj wine region

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Sobrance wine region

Kráľovský Chlmec wine region

J. & J. Ostrožovič, Velká Třňa

- Other from family wineries was founded in 1990. It produces classic Tokaj wines and uses the latest methods and technologies. Its range of goods includes varietal, attributive and branded wines which are award winners from several national and international exhibitions.



In the Tokaj house, situated in the premises of the company, there is a wine tasting room and showroom, under which a classic Tokaj cellar is located at a depth of 13 m. Accommodation for 10 persons is available in the house attic and golf enthusiasts have a driving range at their disposal.



II. Michalovce – Sobrance Wine Region

- The region's vineyards stretch on the hills of the Vihorlat Mountains in surroundings of Michalovce and Sobrance, not far from Zemplínska šírava near the village Vinné. Wines from this region, especially tramine wines, are most fitting to sweet meals.

Winery and viticulture companies focusing chiefly on the production of standard varietal and attributive wines such as Veltlínske zelené, Rizling rýnsky and vlašský, Müller Thurgau, Rulandské biele and šedé, Frankovka modrá, Svätovavrinecké, Tramín biely, Tramín červený.

Tibava wines are award winners of many domestic or foreign awards which prove their high quality.



Regia TT spol. s r.o., Orechová

- The company adheres to viticulture strategy of offering vintage variants of varietal wines to wine lovers. These wines combine exceptional natural and climatic conditions of the region, which are accentuated by the usage of unique conditions in company's underground cellar premises and viticulture art of wine growers. Technology of grape processing and winemaking has been undergoing changes in recent years, navigating towards quality and bottle stability of offered wines but has sustained classic natural production methods without useless wine chemicalisation. Careful manipulation of grapes along the whole technological chain and pace of post-harvest handling of grapes have become key criteria in producing the quality medium. Process of grape harvest and its transport have been adjusted to these conditions. Wines from Regia TT – Pivnica Orechová regularly excel in domestic wine competitions.

Rudolf Staško - Invitas, Vinné

- The first written record of winegrowing and winemaking by the Staško family dates back to the year 1882. Today, the tradition is pursued by Rudolf Staško and his wife, who, at their small company, specialize on white and red wines with the focus on the local terroir. Production is oriented on higher category of cabinet wines designated for wine lovers.



The company's seat and representative premises in the form of original semicircular wine bar are located directly in the village Vinné. In these unique premises with a capacity of 35 persons, it is possible to organize not only wine tasting combined with the wine lecture, but as well gatherings of various type.



PIVNICA TIBAVA s.r.o., Tibava

- The roots of winegrowing in Tibava area date back to the 15th century, however winemaking and winegrowing activities of the company, PIVNICA TIBAVA s.r.o., build on tradition established in the late 1960s and early 1970s, when a winegrowing and winemaking plant – Wine cellar in Tibava, was built in 1965 for growing and processing of grapes.



The company PIVNICA TIBAVA s.r.o. has successfully processed grapes since the year 2000, produces wine, plants new vineyards and modernizes winegrowing and processing capacity of the company. The company contributes to the development of the region through reconstruction of original "Tibava cellar" into a remarkable agritourism-gastro facility which will, in the near future, open up a wide spectrum of opportunities for active relax in the bosom of nature. Visitors can look forward to high-quality gastronomic and accommodation facilities and likewise once-in-a-lifetime experiences during wine tasting in authentic environment of wine cellar and archive.



III. Královský Chlmec Wine Region

- Traditional varieties of grapes and also Rizling vlašský along with Cabernet Sauvignon are grown in the region. Wine cellars in Malý Horeš are remarkable for their configuration and technical arrangement.



Winery Damaskus – Skalina Ladislav



- The winery of Mr Ladislav Skalina can be found in the village Streda nad Bodrogom, near Hungarian borders. Surrounded by the vineyard, a quite prominent new guesthouse with the reed roofing is a magnet for all tourists and visitors.

The owner built his company in accordance with old family traditions passed down from distant ancestors. Today, the company operates on vineyards in cadastral area of the village Streda nad Bodrogom, covering an area of 10 ha. Annual wine production from own grapes oscillates at 30,000 litres. Winery is focused on Rizling vlašský, Tramín červený, Sauvignon, Furmint, Lipovina, Frankovka modrá and Alibernet. Group wine tasting can be organized if booked in advance after agreement.



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