

Award-winning Czech Fine Wine Producer Sonberk Launches

Unique Pálava Wine in UK Market



OCTOBER 2016 – This October, Czech fine wine producer Sonberk is introducing its wines to the UK market. For its first foray, the winery has chosen its unique Pálava grape variety and its take on a Riesling, the Ryzlink rýnský, Grand Sonberk 2012.

Producing gently perfumed wines with a touch of spice and a full-bodied, fleshy character, the Pálava grape is unique to the Czech Republic and Slovakia. A captivating dry wine but also a strong contender in the dessert wine category, Sonberk's 2012 Pálava is light and golden in colour, pairing well with cheeses such as warm chévre and brie, while the Pálava 2013 Straw Wine is a first of its kind, perfect for special occasions. The Sonberk Ryzlink rýnský 2012 is a complex and expressive wine that competes with the Rieslings of Germany and Austria. It boasts aromas of herbs, hedgerow and honey balanced with citrus and white peach.

Planted back in the thirteenth century, the Sonberk winery sits in an ideal location, stretching over 40 hectares at the foot of the Slunecna hill, also known as Sunny Hill. Their wine maker Oldřich Drápal Jnr. created Sonberk's award-winning straw wine when he was 17, revolutionising winemaking in Middle Europe and attracting top accolades at international competitions such as Decanter World Wine Awards. At present, the vineyards produce approximately 150,000 bottles a year.

Following an intimate dinner at Café Spice Namaste last Thursday 29 September, Sonberk's Pálava 2012, Pálava 2013 Straw Wine and Ryzlink rýnský 2012 are now available to purchase through Ellis Wines.