

Emporia Vranac

(VRAH-natz)

Top Quality, Dry, Red Wine

Grape varieties: 100% Vranac grape genetically related to Zinfandel and Primitivo

Vine: 10 years old

Origin: Bosnia-Herzegovina

Wine maker: <https://www.carskivinogradi.com/en/index.html>

Production: Grapes are hand picket in small crates to preserve the fruit during transport to the winery. After the crushing, the mash is put in the fermentation tanks with cylinders of 10 000 l capacity, and macerated (skins in contact with fermenting wine) for 10-14 days at a temperature of 27-29 °C. During maceration, the mash is firstly sprinkled with must (grape juice) until the onset of turbulent fermentation; in turbulent fermentation, the mash is punched down mechanically twice a day with cylinders to the bottom of the vinificator for better tannin extraction. Following the maceration and alcohol fermentation, the new wine is raked (separated from the heavy solids that settle on the bottom of the tank) off into Bosnian wooden barrels 30% of the wine while 70% is aged in stainless steel where the spontaneous malolactic fermentation continues. The wine made from Vranac grapes ages in for 20 – 24 months months and, subsequently, in bottles for a minimum of 3-6 months. Alcohol is always between 13 and 14 %, acidity between 5 to 5.5 g/l which is typical for Mediterranean wines that are capable of long aging.

Soil: It comes from two micro-locations near UNESCO protected town of Mostar: Carski Vinogradi with gravely soil and the second location Bisce Polje next to the winery where the terroir is a mix of clay and sand deposited by the Alpine river Neretva that flows from Dinaric Alps to Adriatic Sea. Cold Neretva brings cool air that meets hot Mediterranean heat and winds and creates perfect environment for wine growing and gives wines with complex minerality.

Color: Deep ruby red color;

Palate: Young Vranac wine is aged in Bosnian oak barrels to accentuate notes of cinnamon, chocolate, dark berries and licorice.

Food Pairing: This Vranac is full bodied, robust red that should be paired with all kinds of meat, especially steak and picante and aged cheese. **Serving :** 18-20°C" room temperature; **Alcohol**

content: 13.5% ; **Acidity** G/L: 5 .02; **Residual sugar** G/L: 2.5;

Packaging: UPC 3873144000154, 12 x 750ML, 56 cases to a palate; 14 cases per inner. Case Size: H13 x W12 x L10; Case weight 38 LB; **Suggested Retail Price:** \$21.49

