

Towards the Wine in the Znojmo Region





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Do you like wine? Then the Znojmo Region is the right place to visit and the brochure, which you are holding in your hands, could be a helpful guide to you. Our journey through the countryside of sun and wine begins in Znojmo; let's walk together and see the local sights, get to know the histo-

ric wine-growing traditions and then get on our way to see the picturesque vineyards, wine cellars and other destinations, where the Znojmo wines are "at home". Of course we will peek under the lid of wine-growers to discover the secrets of wine making and at the end we will visit almost twenty

wineries, where waiting for us in the cellars is wine-tasting of the best wines. For you to see our region from all sides, we have prepared three nature trails, on which besides the wine-tasting you can also find pleasure in active exercise. However, for a more detailed discovery of the Znojmo Region we recommend

the use of the common tourist maps, or the maps of the winegrowing cycling routes, which often lead concurrently with our trails. Please do not forget, that it is always necessary to order wine-tasting in advance. Have a nice trip and many wonderful experiences!

Dear lovers of good wine.
Find some time, treat yourself and come for a holiday to the Znojmo Region. This is the ideal place where you will have the unique chance to get to know a wide selection of excellent wines from our wine-growing region. You will visit the cellars, where the wine is made, as well as the vineyards, where the vine grows – and once you know what the particular vineyard looks like and you know the background, where the wine comes from, you will have a different and warmer relationship to the wine itself. So come to us and enjoy the Znojmo Region through its excellent wines.

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Konice (1940)

Přímětice Cross Cellar (1938)

Newly added hall at Blue Cellars in Nový Šaldorf (1935)

The Znojmo wine-growing tradition

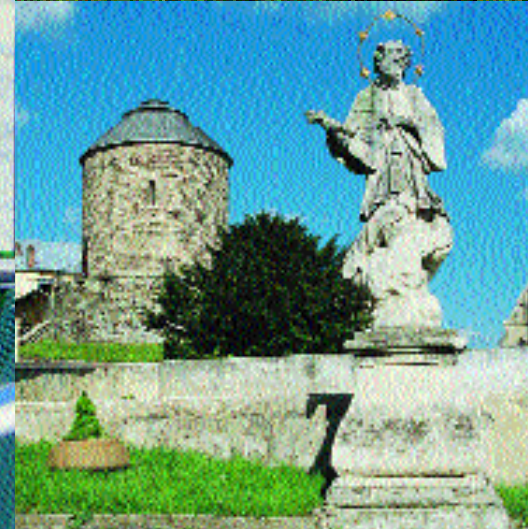
Similarly as many renowned European wine-growing regions the Znojmo Region can also be grateful to the Romans for its modern glory, to be more specific to one of the legions of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius Probus, which went through to South Moravia in the 2nd century A.D. and established in the God-blessed wine-growing region the first vineyards. Don't you believe it? If not then go to have a look at the Šobes vineyard, named after the old name for the uneven and cut out field. Archaeological findings confirm that the locality was settled already during the old Roman time and in the rocks above the vineyards still visible are the deep impressions of the tracks made by heavy Roman carriages, which used to go on the business route down to the Dyje ford. The big boom of wine-growing dates back to the time of the Great Moravian Empire, when Duke Svatopluk brought vine from Austria and Hungary, and began to establish modern vineyards. In connection with the Mission of Cyril and Methodius a sudden need of wines for liturgical ceremonies appeared, and it is no wonder, that some monastery communities had a big influence on the establishment of vineyards, especially the Premonstratensians, who in 1190 found

the Louka monastery near Znojmo. During the following centuries Christianity went hand in hand with vine spreading over entire Europe, however, vineyards were more and more often a point of interest not only for the monasteries but also for rich burghesses - and the Znojmo citizens were in this respect among the most active ones. In medieval times, then, large as well as small vineyards fringed numerous towns, monasteries, castles and chateaux. A long way to the mystery of wines continued with the overall decadence during the Thirty Year War, followed by a boom and finally a horrible stroke at the end of the 19th century, when the Moravian vineyards were destroyed by fungus diseases and Phylloxera, which for the first time in Czech lands occurred in 1890 just in Šatov near Znojmo. The twentieth century was then a century of recovery, breeding new varieties and new methods of cultivation, the century of discoveries and modern technologies. Currently the Znojmo Region is the biggest wine-growing area in the Czech Republic, and that is not only as far as the number of wine-growing municipalities with registered vineyards (69) goes, but also in relation to the total area.



Archive Bottled Wine Cellar in Jaroslavice

An underground labyrinth of cellar corridors in three stories was dug at the end of the 19th century by one of the smaller wine-makers in a steep clay wall of the chateau hill. When he hit harder ground, he turned off to the right or to the left, and this is how he left behind the 310 metres long intricate catacombs. The walling of the narrow corridors is made of burned bricks, just as the arch vaults. This wine cellar, which is called among wine-makers "Tokay", hides the unique and officially oldest collection of bottled wine in the Czech Republic. Stored in the cellar are wines according to the vintages and individual varieties dating from 1945 up to 1970. The real treasure is above all the legendary eight bottles of Blue Portugal, vintage 1945. The Archive Bottled Wine Cellar in Jaroslavice is owned by the company Znovín Znojmo, a.s., based in Šatov.



A blessing in disguise for Znojmo was the destructive fire in 1490, because over the next hundred years a beautiful Renaissance town rose from the ashes, a town full of winding little streets and romantic views and stylish corners that have enchanted the visitors ever since. The Znojmo of today is a modern, dynamically developing town with a picturesque historical centre, beautiful surroundings and a wonderful reputation. It is also a town that cares to keep alive the tradition of growing aromatic wines, sweet fruits and its renowned cucumbers.

Annually in the middle of September, Znojmo remembers its glorious history of a royal town at the occasion of the Znojmo Historical Vintage. Thousands of visitors can return to the atmosphere of the pleasant days of May 1327 when the king John of Luxembourg with his numerous escort visited medieval Znojmo in order to confirm the historical privileges of the town.



The Znojmo Historical Vintage

If you wish to get the feel of the atmosphere of a medieval town where the wine flows, then you should definitely visit the Znojmo Historical Vintage. Every year in September, the Czech king John of Luxembourg enters the town – in the clanging of church bells and ceremonial fanfares – with his escort, ladies-in-waiting, courtiers, armigers, trumpeters and flag bearers, jesters, pipers and archers. You will find there medieval markets with folk craftsmen’s stands, military encampments, magicians or jugglers, and in taprooms you can taste local wine. The grandiose medieval splendour is made complete by knight jousting tournaments, groups of historical fencing, street theatres, competitions for children and spectacular evening fireworks.

Why all this? Because the harvest of grapes is the high point of wine grower’s yearly efforts and vintage is simply the most festive time of every wine-growing village and town.

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View of the town from the Dyje River
Rotunda of the Virgin Mary and St. Catherine

Welcome to Znojmo

Znojmo is not only the centre of the largest Moravian wine growing area, but also one of the oldest towns in Central Europe. It is situated on the border of Moravia and Austria in the land of apricots, peaches and wine. Already in 1226, Znojmo was granted

the status of a royal town by the king Premyslid Otakar I, and it soon became surrounded by a ring of massive fortifications with towers. The town blossomed and grew rich and, thanks to constant favour of ruling royal families, it gained a number of privileges. Znojmo

was the town where royal weddings took place and some kings even died there – such as the Holy Roman emperor Sigismund, on whose side the town survived the tumultuous times of Hussite wars, and who died there in December 1437.



The Znojmo Underground

Each of the Znojmo burgher houses used to have a cellar for the storage of wine. Since the medieval plots were rather narrow, the existing cellars soon ceased to satisfy the needs of the expanding wine business and burghers started to excavate cellar corridors further down, on lower floors, where they were no more limited by the basements of their houses and could dig under the town streets and squares. The mystery of the underground labyrinth is further marked by the fact that plans of the extraordinarily complex and chaotic corridors were known only to a limited circle of people. Built in a disorderly manner from the 13th to the 17th centuries, the Znojmo underground is now among unique historical monuments of European importance. It consists of about 30 km of corridors, often leading in four subsequent underground floors, though only about a 1000 m long stretch is open to public. The route starts in the house No. 2 at Slepíčí Trh (Hen Market), and ends in the house no. 23 in Obroková Street.

Slepíčí trh 2, Znojmo
tel.: +420 515 221 342



Historical Monuments of Znojmo

If you want to embrace in one glimpse the whole historical centre of Znojmo, you should climb up the 80 m high town hall tower, built in 1445-1448 by the local builder Mikuláš of Sedlešovice. From there you would for example see the former seat of the

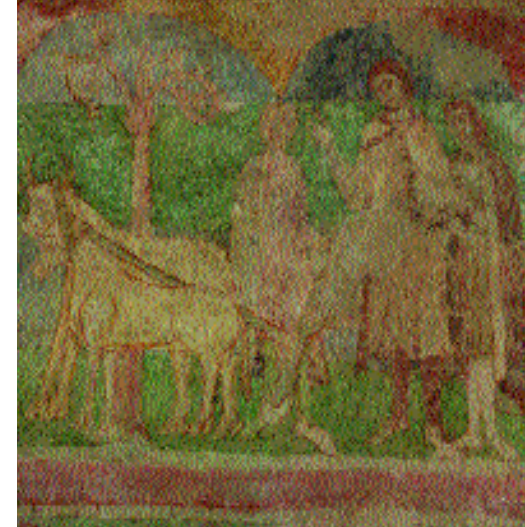
Premyslid rulers – the Znojmo castle, and the famous rotunda of the Virgin Mary and St. Catherine with unique fresco decoration. You would also see the towers of several churches – the church of St. Michael, the Dominican church, and finally the Gothic tower



The Church of St. Nicholas and the Chapel of St. Wenceslas
Frescoes in the Rotunda of the Virgin Mary and St. Catherine



Figural graffito on the façade of the house in Obroková St.
Town Hall Tower - view from Kramářská St.



of the cathedral of St. Nicholas, founded already around the year 1100. Obroková Street right below you links the two main squares – Horní (Upper) Square and Masarykovo Square. And after returning to the ground, you

should visit house No. 11, where in the taproom of a former mint, in a niche of the wall, you can find the bust of the famous Znojmo Libuše, a sacred statuette that ensured the town would last till the end of time.

VINO THEQUES

1. **Vinotheque U brány**
nám. Svobody 16
2. **Vinotheque Voňavý krám**
Divišovo nám. 3
3. **Znojemský Wine Cellar**
vinotheque with wine bar
Horní nám. 19
4. **Vinotheque Alfra**
Rooseveltova 41
5. **Vinotheque Vinovín**
Pražská St. – between gardens

WINE SHOPS

6. **Znovín Znojmo a.s., wine shop**
Horní Česká 2
7. **Znovín Znojmo a.s., wine shop, Visitors' Centre, Museum**
of wine-growing and cooperery
Louka monastery
8. **Lechovice Wine Cellars, wine shop**
17. listopadu 21
9. **Specialised Bottled Wine Shop AZ**
Znojmia Agency
Obroková 10
10. **La Casa Navarra**
restaurant with a vinotheque
Kovářská 10
11. **Cafe Muzeum, coffee shop and wine shop** of Lechovice Wine Cellars
Přemyslovců 8

VISITS TO WINE CELLARS BY RESERVATION

12. **Wine bar U krále Jana, Hotel Prestige**
Pražská 100
13. **Wine cellar U hubatky**
Suchohrdly
14. **Wine bar U Fetterlů**
Horní Česká 20
15. **Wine cellar Vondrušková-Brychtá**
Kollárova 15
16. **Smrčka Winery**
Nový Šaldorf
17. **Wine cellar U Jedličků**
Nový Šaldorf



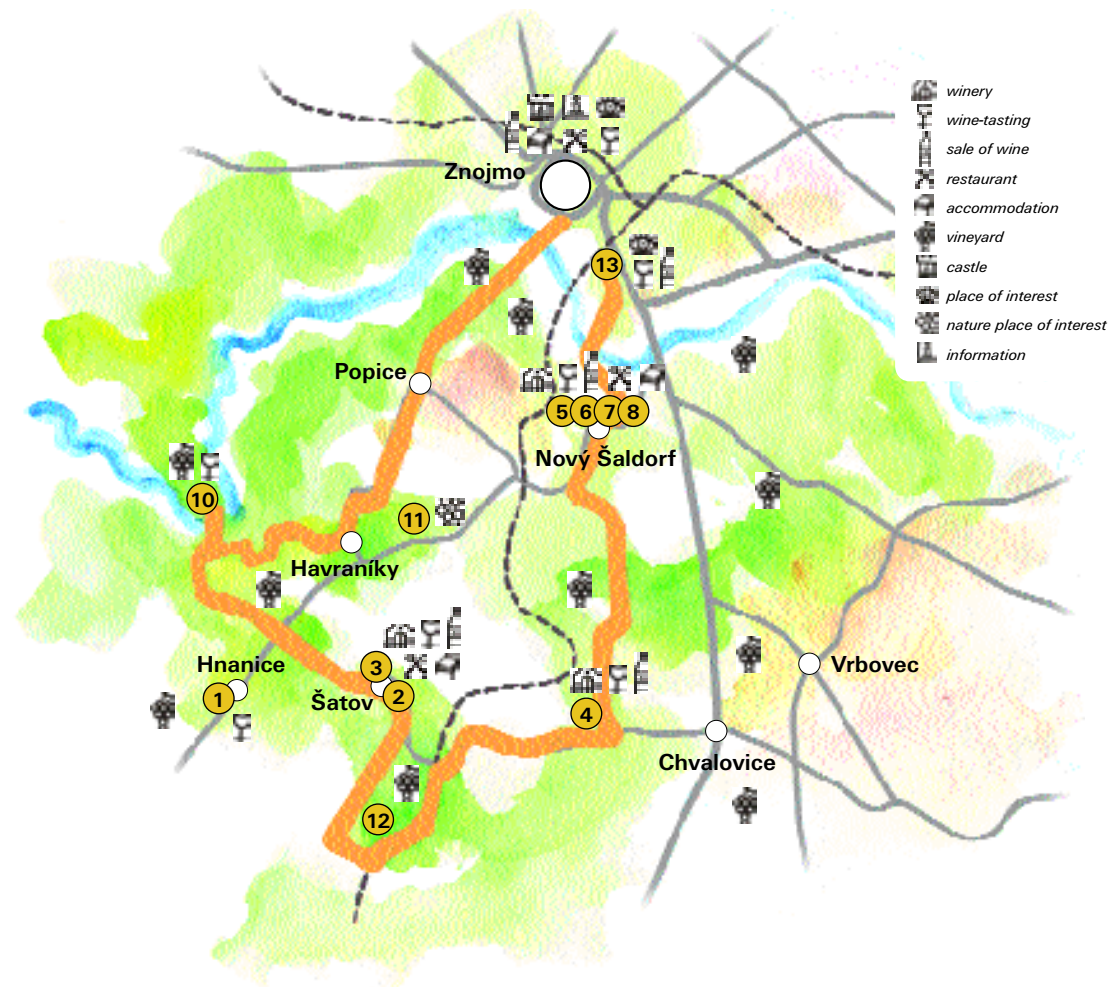
Painted Cellar in Šatov
A unique cellar decorated by fantastic plastic paintings by the local folk artist Maxmillian Appeltauer.



Šobes Vineyard (10)
One of the oldest and probably one of the best European wine-growing localities, situated in the deep valley of the meandering Dyje River, in the heart of the Podyjí National Park.



Timber Winepress
Once they stood in nearly every wine-pressroom, today they are silent witnesses of the old times and a part of numerous wine-growing expositions and stylish vinothèques.



Western Trail

From the Znojmo Dam we climb up the Kraví Hora Mountain, from where we can find a breathtaking view over Znojmo with the rotunda, castle and the church of St. Nicholas. We go on the forest road through Popice and Havraníky; in the environs of the village we can have a look at two protected nature reservations with unique thermophilic flora and fauna,

Havranické Vřesoviště Heath and Skalky (11). We go down to the Dyje River valley, cross the river on a small bridge and visit the Šobes vineyard (wine-tasting in season). We go back across the bridge and continue towards Hnanice. Hiding up to the present day in the local church of St. Wolfgang is the healing spring, to which pilgrims from all over Europe have been coming

since the 13th century. In the ancient wine-growing village of Šatov we can find not only the seat of the Znovín Znojmo company, but lovers of wine and wine-growing curiosities can also visit the Painted Cellar, Moravian Cellar and Small Cellar, and the military history fans can see the infantry log-cabin dating back to 1936–38. From Šatov we continue through the Peklo

vineyard (12) towards Chvalovice; before the village we turn off to the wine cellar street, where waiting for us is more wine-tasting. Across the field we head to the north to Nový Šaldorf and still more tempting samples. Then through Sedlešovice we go back to Znojmo and we shouldn't forget about the last stop of our southern wander in the Louka monastery (13) (see page 23).

Where can you try good wines?

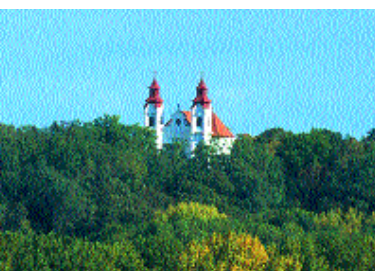
1. Wine cellar U 7 andělů, Hnanice
www.u7andelu.cz
2. Moravian cellar in Šatov, see page 22
3. Small cellar in Šatov
www.malysklep.cz
4. Agrovíno Vrbovec, see page 26
5. Vinea Znojmo, Nový Šaldorf, see page 30
6. Wine cellars Dobrovolný, Nový Šaldorf see page 34
7. The Špalek Family Winery, Nový Šaldorf, see page 28
8. Agrodružstvo Nový Šaldorf, see page 25



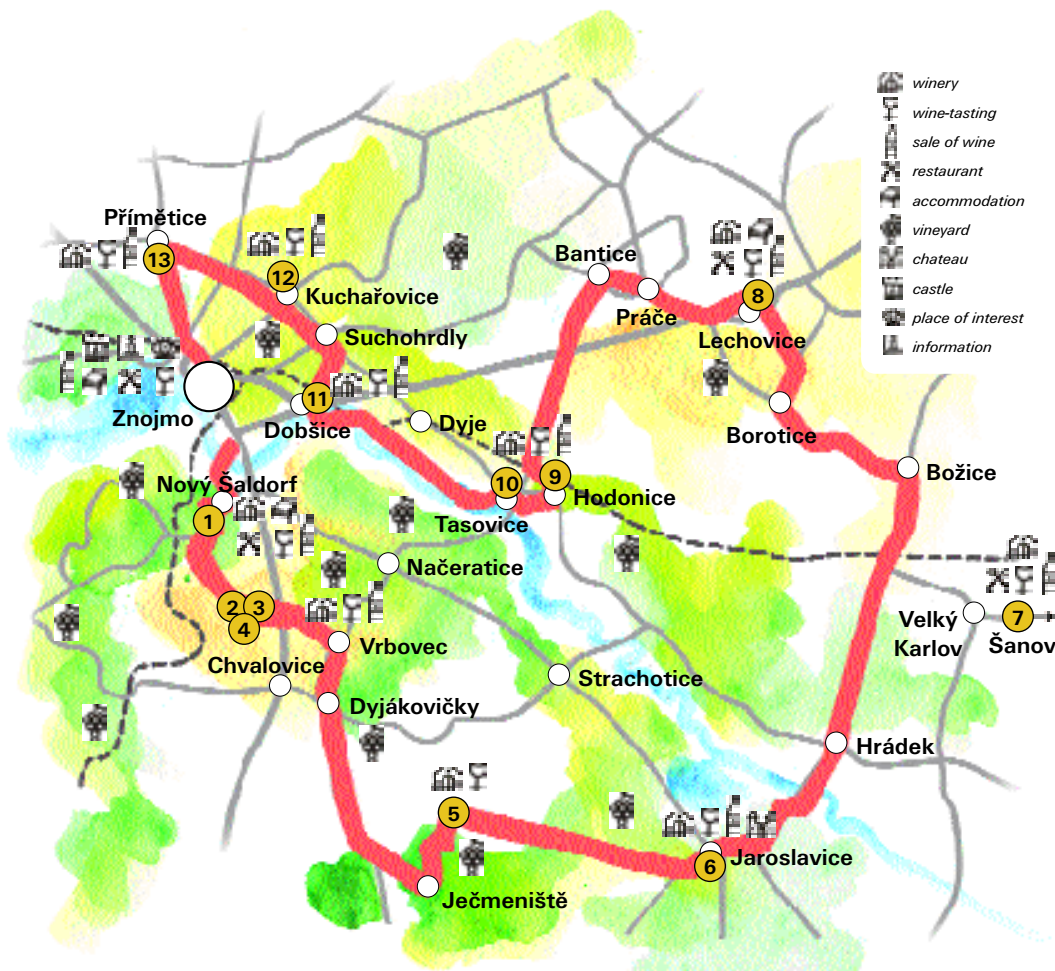
Lampelberk (5)
A well-known vineyard above the village of Ječmeniště. From the castle there is a charming view over the vineyards of the Znojmo region as well as Austrian Weinviertel.



Jaroslavice (6)
Besides the oldest wine archive in the Czech Republic you can also visit the winery cellars of Znovín Znojmo and a number of small private wine cellars.



Lechovice
A dominant feature of the village with famous wine cellars is the pilgrimage church of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary surrounded by a nature park with a chateau.



Southern Trail

From the Louka Monastery in Znojmo we head through Sedlešovice to Nový Šaldorf, we can try the local wines of the Winegrowers' Guild and continue on to Vrbovec, where awaiting us are more opportunities for wine-tasting in the picturesque street with wine cellars. Through Dyjákovičky we head across vineyards

to Lampelberk castle. In the stylish environment we can savour the local wine and on the former signal bike trail we continue directly to Jaroslavice - of course, also there awaiting us are more samples for wine-tasting. Around a fishpond we head to the north to Hrádek and Božice. The way can be prolonged by the turn off



to wine-tasting in Šanov. In Borotice and Lechovice there is another winery, (Vinné sklepy) Lechovice Wine Cellars, and of course we can try the wines from their production. Through Práče and Bantice we go towards wine to Hodonice and Tasovice, and we continue across Dyje to Dobšice. We can again try the local wines and decide, if we go back through the picturesque val-

ley full of gardens to Znojmo, or we prolong our journey through Suchohrdly to wine-tasting in Kuchařovice and Přímětice. There we can visit the Jesuit Cross Cellar, one of the biggest historical wine cellars in the world, try more enticing wines and by the model of the lightning rod we are reminded of its inventor, Prokop Diviš, the priest from Přímětice.



Where can you try good wines?

1. Winegrowers' Guild Nový Šaldorf and Sedlešovice, see page 32
2. Ampelos, Vrbovec, see page 27
3. Vaněk Winery, Vrbovec, see page 29
4. Písař Winery, Vrbovec, see page 29
5. EKO Hnízdo, Lampelberk, see page 33
6. Znovín Znojmo, a.s., Archive bottle wine cellar, Jaroslavice, see page 22
7. Sewar Winery, Šanov, see page 34
8. Lechovice Wine Cellars, see page 24
9. Špillar Winery, Hodonice cellar with wine-bar and wine shop with local wines tel.: +420 603 515 815
10. Horáček Winery, Tasovice, see page 35
11. Hort Winery, Dobšice, see page 30
12. Hevera Winery, Kuchařovice, see page 33
13. Znovín Znojmo, a.s., Cross Cellar (Křížový sklep), Přímětice, see page 22



Slavonic Epic (7)

In the chateau in Moravský Krumlov you can find the Slavonic Epic, a collection of twenty monumental canvases depicting scenes from the history of the Slavonic nations. The author is the world-famous painter Alfons Mucha, who was born in nearby Ivančice.

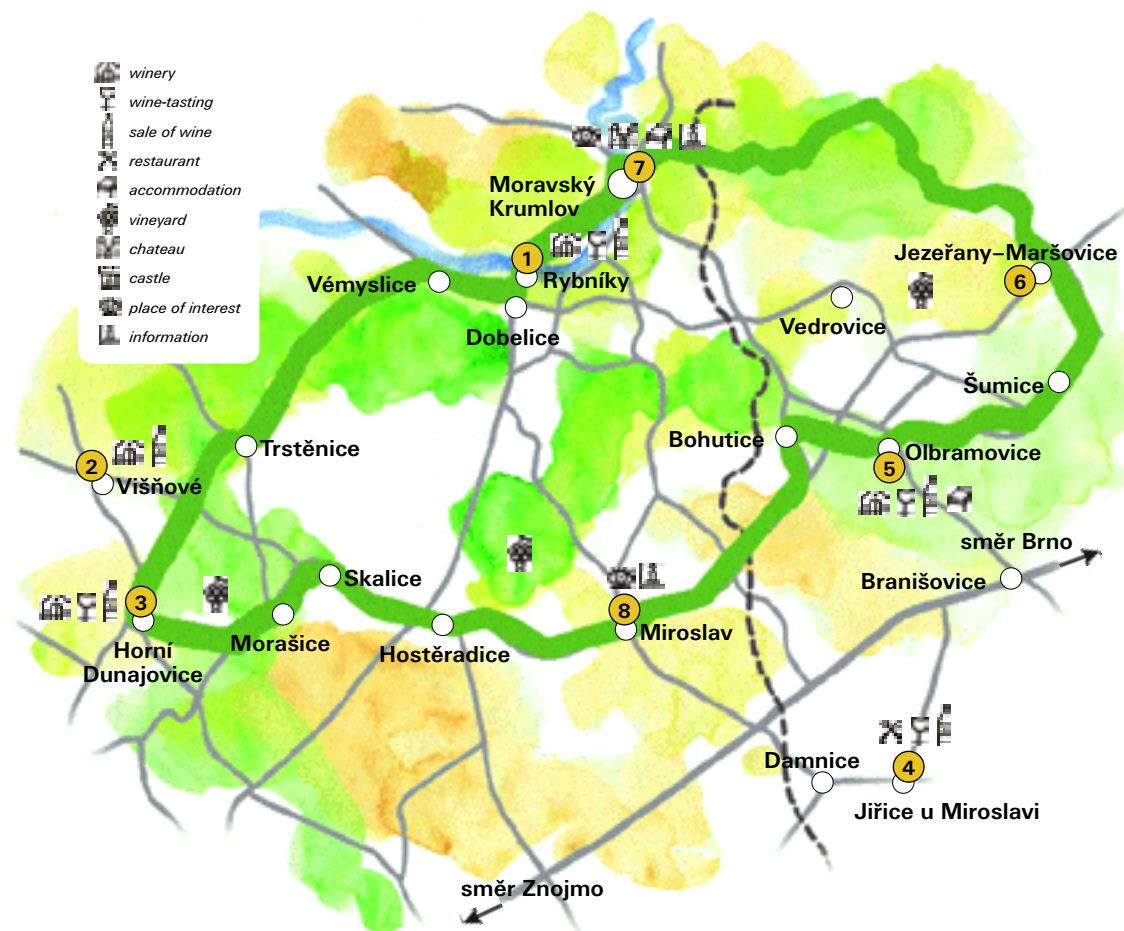
Town Cultural Centre
(Městské kulturní středisko)
Břízova 254, Moravský Krumlov
tel.: +420 515 322 225



Jewish cemetery in Miroslav (8)

A reminder of the ancient Jewish settlement in the town, famous for apricot growing, is the cemetery from the 16th century with six hundred tombstones, the oldest one dates back to 1667. Here you can also find valuable tombstones in the Baroque and Classicist type.

Tours: Mrs. Ryšavá
tel.: +420 515 333 348



Eastern Trail

The starting point is Moravský Krumlov; in the chateau we can have a look at the Slavonic Epic and we shouldn't forget to visit the interesting pilgrimage chapel of St. Florian. We head for the village of Rybníky, where in the former mill we can try the first samples of wine. Through

Vémyslice and Trstěnice we head for Horní Dunajovice, where we can try other wines. With a small turn-off we go to buy some wine in Višňová. From Horní Dunajovice we continue through Morašice and Hostěradice to Miroslav, the town well-known for growing excellent apricots and grapes, with the domi-



nant feature of the Gothic water keep, later rebuilt into a Gothic-Renaissance chateau with a park.

We can say good-bye to Miroslav on the local charming Jewish cemetery. For lovers of good wine and food we recommend to take an extra turn-off to the wine cellar of the motorest in

Jiřice near Miroslav. On the way through Bohutice we head for Olbramovice. After wine tasting of the local wines we can get on the way through Šumice to Jezeřany-Maršovice, we can try wines from the local production and through Krumlovský forest we go back to Moravský Krumlov.

Where can you try good wines?

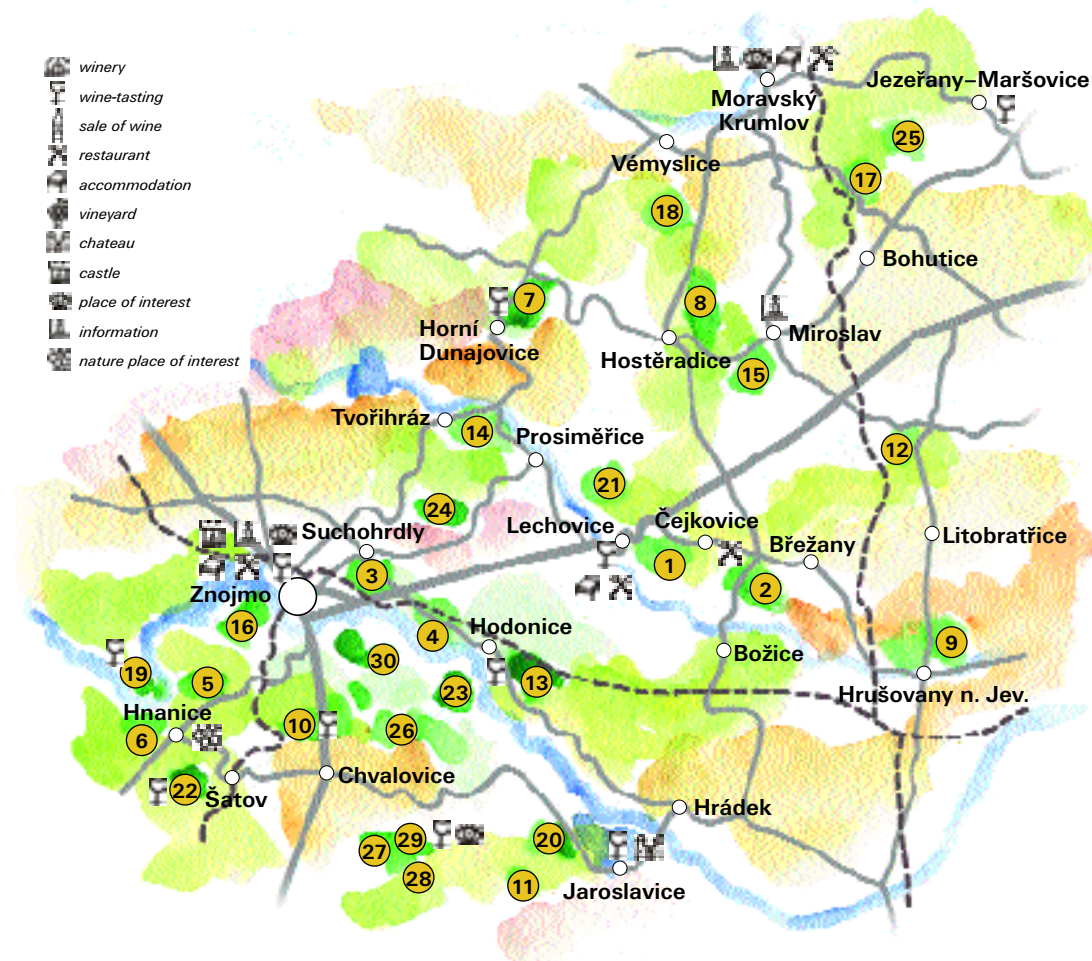
1. Wine cellar Rybníky, see page 28
2. Saleta Winery, Višňové, see page 35
3. Líbal Winery, Horní Dunajovice, see page 31
4. Motorest Jiřice – wine cellar
sale of wine and seating with wine by order
tel.: +420 515 331 284
5. Marek's Wine Cellars, Olbramovice,
see page 35
6. Wine Cellars Maršovice, see page 31



The Soil

The winegrowers have for a long time been aware of the fact that physical properties of soil influence the quality and overall style of wine. However, the grapevine is a tricky fellow: while the best wines come from plants growing on fairly poor soils that are favourable for the growth of roots; the seemingly excellent soils support the growth of the plant instead of ripening of the grapes.

From this point of view, the Znojmo area has nothing to complain about. The varied range of soils – granitoids, sandy gravels, sands and loesses – create conditions for a rich pallet of wines grown on diverse subsoils. A substantial role is also played by the nearby Bohemian-Moravian Highlands that cause occasional temperature drops in this warm and dry area. Due to alterations of warm sunny days and colder nights the grapes ripen more slowly, but give wonderful original aromatic white wines that have won a number of prestigious prizes at international wine competitions.



The Vineyards

The way to the mystery of wine can start nowhere else but in the vineyards. Only in the Znojmo wine-growing region there are more than 6,000 hectares of vineyards, a half of which was assigned to the first category of vineyards during the recent

categorization of vineyard localities. Excellent vineyards are situated especially on the southern hills around the Dyje and Jevišovka Rivers. South of Znojmo, in the direction of Konice, lies the distinguished area of Kraví Hora (Cow Mountain), and among the best

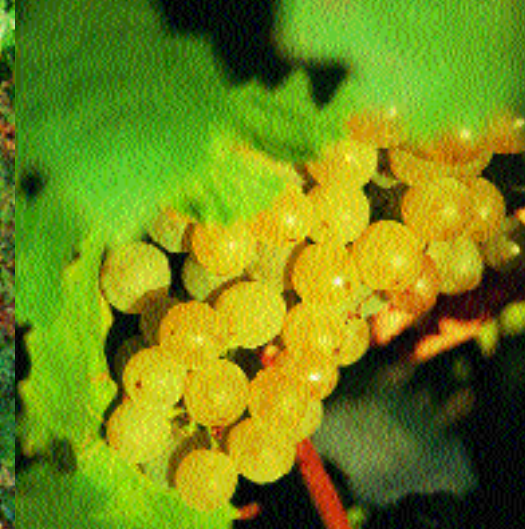


A list of the vineyards

Wine-growing village	vineyard
1. Borotice	U Auerového kříže
2. Božice	Nová hora
3. Dobšice	Zimolovo
4. Dyje	Babičák
5. Havraníky	Skalky
6. Hnanice	Fládnická
7. Horní Dunajovice	Stará Hora
8. Hostěradice	Volné pole
9. Hrušovany n. Jevišovkou	Jižní svah
10. Chvalovice	Dívčí hora
11. Jaroslavice	Na vinicích
12. Jiříce	Na pískách
13. Krhovice	Vinohrady, Skalka
14. Kyjovice, Tvoříhráz	Špičák
15. Miroslav	Weinperky
16. Konice, Sedlešovice	Kraví hora
17. Olbramovice	Leskoun
18. Petrovice, Hostěradice	Kokusové hory
19. Podmolí	Šobes
20. Slup, Oleksovičky	Kacperky
21. Stošíkovice	U tří dubů
22. Šatov	Peklo
23. Tasovice	Kamenný vrch
24. Těšetice	Tři díly
25. Vedrovice	Stará hora
26. Vrbovec	Walberk
27. Vrbovec	Vinná hora
28. Vrbovec, Ječmeniště	Lampberg
29. Vrbovec, Dyjákovičky	Šác
30. Znojmo-Oblekovic	Načeratický kopec

vineyard areas in the whole of South Moravia are the localities of Peklo, Šác, Babičák, Frédy, Volné Pole, Wienperky and many others. The famous Šobes vineyard is situated over the picturesque meanders of the Dyje River, right in the Podyjí National Park. Wines from this locality are regularly awar-

ded at international and domestic competitions, and they would also, according to Vilém Kraus, a renowned Czech viticultural specialist, deserve “grand cru” - the French designation for the top localities, not used (or sometimes even misused) in the Czech Republic.



Typical varieties of the Znojmo Region

The Znojmo region has always been and still is up to the present day famous for the uniqueness of white wines, especially their wonderful aroma, caused by the slow maturation of grapes. The most frequent variety

is Valtelina Green, which is grown on circa 18 % of the area of the Znojmo vineyards, 16 % of the area belongs to the most popular variety in the Czech Republic – Müller Thurgau. A permanent part of the local vineyards is

Rhine Riesling (8.4 %), Italian Riesling (7.3 %) and Pinot Blanc (4.6 %). From blue varieties grown are especially St. Laurent (9.6 %), Zweigeltrebe and Pinot Noir.

Typical white ...

Would you like to get to know delicate wines with a unique spicy character and high content of aromatic agents, which made the Znojmo region so well-known? It is the traditional Valtelina Green, from which a wide palette of wines is made from common table wines through to fresh quality wines as far as to wines with attributes and specialities, further the pleasant and light wines of the Müller Thurgau variety, sweet-scented Znojmo Sauvignons are also renowned, as well as the famous “wine of kings and king of wines” – spicy Rhine Riesling with linden tones in its aroma. Unique wines are also made from the aromatic varieties of Pálava and Moravian Muscat, as well as the nowadays popular Chardonnay..

Typical blue ...

The significance of blue varieties for the Znojmo region is just marginal and issues more or less from the constantly growing interest of consumers in red wines. Interesting wines with gentle cherry aroma, which during maturation reach a full and velvety taste reminiscent of plum jam or black thorn, come from the traditional variety St. Laurent. If you are enticed more by young and fresh wines with a similar structure as Beaujolais, you should seek the Zweigeltrebe variety, often used for production of pink and barrique wines. You can also try the Znojmo Pinot Noir, especially the wines, which were lying in bottles for a longer time.

How is wine made

The relatively simple process of wine production has around the world many faces and although new technology is involved more and more often, the main rules remain the same: the grapes are crushed up and then pressed. Thanks to the yeasts either naturally contained in the must or cultivated and artificially added, the natural sugar ferments into alcohol and carbon dioxide. At the same time from the skin of the grapes according to the varieties and type of future wine the aromatic agents are extracted. Young wine is usually cloudy, so it is separated from impurities and decanted into barrels, where it is stabilized and after it reaches the required degree of maturation is filled into bottles. The production of red wines differs in one significant detail: as the juice from the berries of the blue grapes is, with few exceptions, white and the colour is contained only in the skin, the fermentation process is applied for the crushed grapes and only then the mash is pressed. Pink wines are created, when the mash from blue grapes is pressed early after the beginning of the fermentation.



Since the ancient times people have dreamed about the elixir of life and they have put a lot of effort into discovering it. Wine, undoubtedly the oldest cultural beverage of humankind, resembles such an elixir. The potion of Gods and kings, available to mor-

als, a gift from God and the potion of Heaven – these are just a few superlatives, which accompany wine on its journey from the ancient Middle-Asian roots through to Assyrian, Babylonian, Egyptian and Roman cultures. From there it's just a small step to the wild

forest vine grown by Celts, Roman legions and the first vineyards in South Moravia. The sun hidden in the mellowing grapes, picturesque architecture of wine cellars, captivating atmosphere, family heritage, a dignified hobby as well as hard work crowned by pure

joy – all that and much more is concealed in every glass of the local wine. So taste, savour and buy – because Znojmo wine can be a wonderful souvenir, which even after many years will remind you of the charms of the fertile land, full of wine and sun.

www.znojemsko.info



How to correctly taste wine

1 Look – the colour of wine already reveals a lot, when looking against a white background. It reveals its age and origin, the variety used, the method of fermentation and maturation, as well as its quality. Hold the glass by the stem or heel, so you do not heat the wine with your palms.

2 Swirling – before you smell the wine, swirl the glass. The way the wine falls down on the sides of the glass, can give you a hint of the alcohol content and age. This elegant movement is not as simple as it seems to be, and therefore you should rather practice it in advance.

3 Smelling – swirling the glass aerates the wine and releases aromatic agents. Take a deep breath and don't be shy to put your nose deep into the glass. When your olfactory senses are most sensitive, try to identify scents. And watch out - there are thousands of them!

4 Sip – when your eyes and nose have told you already everything what they could about the wine, take a suitably big sip and concentrate on the impression from the wine in the mouth and on the tongue. Try to identify the taste shades and distinguish the structure of the wine.

5 Rolling – roll the wine all around your tongue, bringing it into contact with all the taste buds. Some tasters are able to suck in some air at the same time, so the aromatic agents can also get to the back part of the mouth.

6 Spitting out – if your prime goal is wine-tasting, you have to keep your head clear. Therefore you should spit the sip of wine out after tasting it, so your senses don't get numb. If you prefer to taste and enjoy various samples of wine, take a piece of bread after each sample.

Vocabulary of the wine-taster

Rich wine – lavish, balanced and harmonious wine with a long aftertaste

Bouquet – combination of aromas

Cuvee – wine, made from more vine varieties

Clean wine – healthy wine, with no defect

Decanting – pouring over the wines with sediment or because of oxidation into a decanter

Long wine – full-bodied, harmonious wine with long persistence

Aftertaste – the overall impression in the mouth after swallowing. The quality and length of aftertaste is what is important

Rough wine – rough, coarse, aggressive wine, often young and untreated wine

Extract – all agents, which remain in the wine after water evaporates (sugar, acids, minerals, tannic acids, colouring agents, glycerine and proteins). The extract content is important for full-bodiedness of wine perceived sensitively

Fermentation – biochemical process of transformation of must into wine caused by the yeasts; grape-sugar changes into alcohol and carbon dioxide

Deep wine – cloudy, dark wine

Grape character – rich aroma of Muscat grapes, characteristic for Muscat varieties

Thin wine – thin and weak wine, empty and short taste

Spicy wine – wine rich with aromatic agents (cinnamon, vanilla)

Round wine – balanced, harmonious wine

Flowery wine – wine with rich aroma reminiscent of a flowering meadow

Nuances – components, similar to some aromas and tastes

Varietal character of wine – aroma typical for a particular variety

Fruity wine – with a fruity character

Persistence – length of aftertaste, i.e. how long we feel the taste after swallowing wine

Piquant wine – sharp wine, can be attractive as well as hard

Grape mush – mashed grapes

Robust wine – very extractive, full-bodied wine with a higher content of alcohol

Slender wine – wine with low content of extract, usually with short persistence

Velvet wine – velvety, smooth, delicate, usually red wine, pleasantly drinkable thanks to soft tannic acids

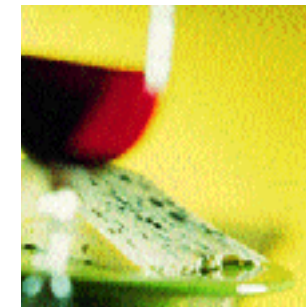
Old wine – tired wine, lacking freshness

Stems – stems of grapes; the wine with the flavour of stems is usually described as green, poppy or grassy

Balanced wine – full-bodied wine, where all the components are in perfect harmony

Residual sugar – sugar, which doesn't ferment into alcohol and stays in wine after the bottles are filled

Oxidized wine – stale wine, result due to excessive contact with air



Wine and cheese

"Dessert without cheese is like a beautiful woman, without one eye" – said the famous epicurean Brillat-Savarin two hundred years ago. He knew very well what he was talking about: after all the French cuisine since ancient times set the pace for the culinary art and firmly put its roots in menus all around the world. French dining has for many centuries been connected not only with wine, but also with cheese of many kinds and shapes. Bon appetit!



Moravian Wine Cellar in Šatov

Znovín Znojmo, a.s.

The joint-stock company Znovín Znojmo annually produces about five million litres of wine, i.e. 20,000 bottles a day. This amount represents about 3.5 % of the total annual consumption of wine in the Czech Republic.

Apart from excellent varietal and branded wines, the company annually puts on the market a varied range of other top quality products. A typical example would be the successful series of vintage wines representing wines from the best vineyards of the Znojmo region, or wines with attributes of the Terroir Club, the naturally sweet late harvest wines or sparkling wines. Znovín is the biggest wine producer of the Znojmo wine-growing region with its seat located in the traditional wine-growing village of Šatov. A private wine archive

is found in the local Moravian Cellar (Moravský Sklípek), where Znovín also regularly organizes supervised wine tasting of varietal wines with expert presentations.

The Znovín Znojmo trademark does not belong only to mellow and aromatic wines that are every year awarded many prestigious domestic and international prizes, but also to the picturesque and magical places where the Znovín wines are born and ripen. The company owns the famous Šobes vineyard in the Podyjí National Park, that is considered by experts one of the best European localities for wine-growing. Cellars processing white grapes are located in Přímětice and include the mysterious Jesuit Cross Cellar (Křížový Sklep) from the 18th century. Blue grapes are processed in cellars

in Jaroslavice. A curiosity is the local archive cellar where the oldest wines in the Czech Republic, dating back to 1945, are stored.

Znovín also rents a part of the Louka Monastery in Znojmo. There the visitors can visit not only the unique Premonstratensian cellars and the company's wine shop, but also an art gallery and a brand new exhibition of wine making and cooperage. Part of the monastery serves as a congress centre. Znovín is also the founder of the first Czech wine mail order service.

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Moreover, the company organizes the “Wandering around the vineyards of the Znojmo area” every spring, and “Wandering around the archive cellars” every fall, and it also co-organizes many sports and social events. Since 1997, the company prepares – for all lovers of wine – the unique Winegrowers’ Tourist Program for organized or individual tourism, thanks to which hundreds of interested people can learn more about wine and its charms.

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Louka Monastery

One of the most significant monastery complexes in Central Europe, founded in 1190 in Louka near Znojmo, was up to 1784, when it was abolished, the centre of the artistic, economic and spiritual life of the Znojmo region. The Premonstratensians considerably had merit in the development and enhancement of the local viticulture. The company Znovín Znojmo continued on with the historical wine-growing traditions, and thanks to them the monumental Baroque complex has started to come back to life again. Maturing in huge monastery cellars are almost a million bottles of wine, available for the guests is the Visitors’ Centre and excellently stocked wine shop, Art Gallery and the Museum of wine-growing and cooperage. The visitors, who are interested, can also have a look at the unique Romanesque-Gothic crypt under the church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and St. Wenceslas, or within the framework of sightseeing programmes taste samples of Znojmo wines.



Hierarchy of Attributes

In the middle of hard competition the local wine producers try to capture attention with wines of higher and higher quality. Moravian wines are not doing badly at all – they are pleasant in the harmony of aromatic agents, middle level of full-bodiedness and acidity. The scale of the quality of wines in the Czech Republic starts with the common table wines and continues through to the mixtures of several varieties (label wines) up to the quality varietal wines and then to the wines with an attribute. These wines are made from sweeter grapes and according to the level of sugar content they get the attributes “cabinet” (from 19°, whilst every degree of sugar content represents 1 kg of sugar in 100 litres of cider), “late harvest” (from 21°), “selection from grapes” (from 24°) or “selection from berries” (from 27°). The assortment of the sweetest products is accomplished by straw wines, ice wines and finally by sparkling and effervescent wines, sometimes wrongly called champagne.

The Lechovice Wine Cellars

The company cultivates 200 hectares of vineyards and annually produces 1,200,000 litres of wine, ranging from bulk wines to selections of over-ripe berries, and also such specialties as straw wines and the “Auer’s Cross” liqueur wine. The Lechovice Wine Cellars regularly successfully take part in many exhibitions and competitions both in the Czech Republic and abroad. One of the attractive activities prepared annually by the company is the depositing of sparkling wines to the bottom of the Vranov Dam, where they are guarded by an extraordinary guardian - the colossal catfish named “Lech”. All the quality varietal wines in the Lechovice Wine Cellars are made from the production of the company’s own vineyards. This fact then qualifies the company to emphasize on the label that the wine was bottled by the wine grower. In the process of wine pro-

duction, both traditional and modern production technologies are used, and the best quality wines are processed in a cellar in the chateau park that dates back to the 18th century. Apart from the wine shop, the visitors are welcome to visit the historical cellar and taste wines there, as well as the wine restaurant with its excellent cuisine. It is possible to book supervised wine tasting for up to 200 people, a fencing performance or a dulcimer ensemble. Further, visitors can be shown the traditional method of the sparkling wines production, and taste the sparkling wines by candlelight or selected wines directly in the vineyard.

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Agrodružstvo Nový Šaldorf

The Blue Cellar (Modrý Sklep) was excavated by the Premonstratensians from the Louka Monastery in the 16th and 17th centuries. It lies about 20 meters under the ground, and the 350 meters of corridors create a labyrinth where an unacquainted person can get lost easily. Moreover, it is truly blue - the sandstone in which the cellar is dug has a sky blue colour in daylight, and even the mould on its walls is of a cobalt blue shade.

The firm owns 90 hectares of vineyards, more than half of which are situated on the Kraví Hora Hill, one of the best localities in the Czech Republic. Annual production comprises 400,000 litres of wine. The Blue Cellar has gradually shifted from the production of bulk wine for big wine making companies to the production of high quality wines that have already

won several notable awards. The wines of Agrodružstvo Nový Šaldorf can be bought directly in the wine production plant or in the Blue Cellar restaurant and wine bar, where it is also possible to book supervised wine tasting for groups of 10–50 people.

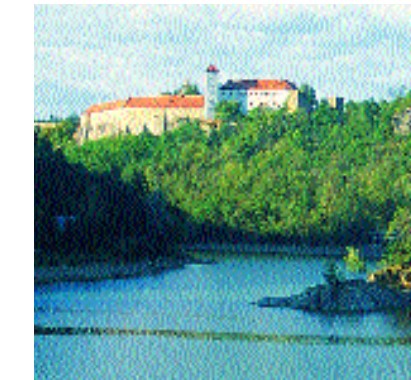
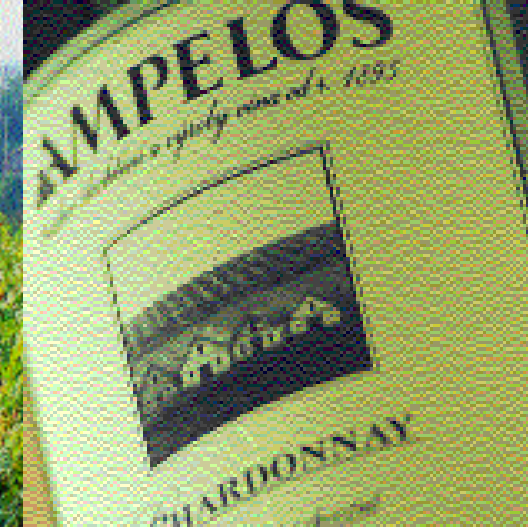
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Vranov nad Dyjí

Already the first sight of the Baroque chateau of Vranov nad Dyjí, rising on a steep rock above a village bearing the same name, takes the breath away from the majority of its visitors. The predecessor of this romantic seat was a castle founded on the steep headland above the Dyje River in the 11th century at the latest, as part of the Dyje defence system. The spectacular Baroque residence, partially designed by a brilliant Austrian architect J. B. Fischer from Erlach, was built by the Althan family at the end of the 17th century. Richly furnished interiors of the chateau document the culture of aristocratic housing at the end of the 18th century and the whole of the 19th century. The exceptionally valuable Hall of Ancestors was decorated with monumental frescoes by J. M. Rottmayer. The chateau sight-seeing tours are supplemented by regular concerts, exhibitions of flower arrangements or the attractive offer of the chateau vinothèque. Chateau vinothèque – Zámecká vinotéka Archa
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How to understand the label

While some bottle labels contain all the necessary data and also further interesting information and recommendations, others resemble unsolvable riddles. However, the current Wine Act states it clearly: the label on a bottle of wine intended for consumers must include the name and possibly the seat of the producer, trade name of the product including information whether it is a table wine, varietal wine or wine with an attribute, content of the bottle and the volume of alcohol, date of bottling, number of the production batch, information regarding the wine categorization according to the sugar content, and finally possible chemical preservatives used. Imported wines or wines made from more than 50 % of imported grapes must contain also the information about the country of origin. Labels of wines with an attribute should moreover include the year of harvest and exact designation of the wine-growing area, village and vineyard.

Agrovíno Vrbovec

The company that arose from the merge of Agrodružstvo Vrbovec with the Znovín Znojmo joint-stock company annually produces about 300,000 litres of wine, about 25 % of which comes out in bottles. Grapes to be processed are produced by Agrodružstvo Vrbovec that cultivates 170 hectares of vineyards.

Though the main seat of the company is Vrbovec, the biggest wine producing village of the Znojmo area, all wines mature in the sandstone cellar in Chvalovice that dates back to 1770.

The cellar, built in a sandstone slope 25 meters under the ground used to serve – similarly to many other cellars – as the tithe cellar of the Louka Monastery. It is one of the biggest cellars within the Znojmo area: in the 200 meters long corridors there are sixty oak barrels with the total capacity of 100,000

litres of wine. Quality varietal wines of the Agrovíno company, both dry and semidry that every year win the highest awards in regional competitions, can be bought also in Prague, in “Šenk Vrbovec” on Wenceslas Square, opposite the Ambassador hotel. For larger groups (up to 40 persons), the company also offers a visit to the cellar with supervised wine tasting of local wines.

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Ampelos

The Znojmo vine breeding station with its new business name “Ampelos” is the oldest institution of this kind in Central Europe, founded as early as 1895. The company has its own cellars in which it tests the outcomes of plant breeding and produces annually 60,000 litres of wine, made exclusively from grapes from its own selected vineyards located in an area of 50 hectares. Ampelos administers the Vine Gene Pool comprising 290 varieties from which it every year prepares a harmonious wine called “Symposion” with manifold bouquets. Apart from this, the institution produces high-quality wines of nearly all varieties grown in the Czech Republic that have won many awards at international exhibitions and competitions. The company offers cultivation of new must vine varieties for early ripening and sugar content, pro-

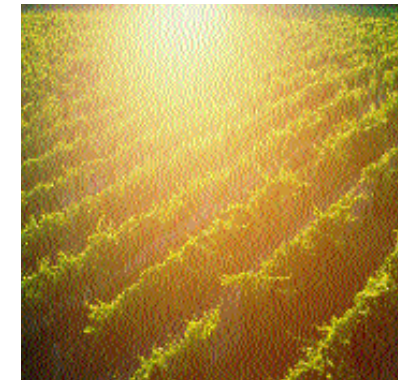
duction of buds, under-stock and young plants with monitored selection, testing of formulations for the protection of vine for the purpose of registration, signalization of diseases and pests of vine in the micro-region, and counselling both in the area of planting and protection of grapevine and in the process of setting up vinoteques. As part of its services, the company also offers supervised wine tasting for groups of 5–30 persons and renting of the tasting room.

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Bítov

The Bítov Castle, one of the oldest castles of the Czech Republic that guarded the southern border of the Czech State since the 11th century is situated above the Vranov Dam. The castle underwent several reconstructions, the last one – carried out by the count family of Daun – in 1811–1863. The bizarre magic of the romantic Neo-Gothic residence with its lovely interiors decorated by a unique collection of illusive paintings is complemented with numerous collections of stuffed animals including the collection of fifty dogs of diverse breeds. This collection, the biggest of this kind in the world, and also the renewed zoological garden, formerly one of the biggest private gardens in Europe, reminds us of the collecting activities of the last owner of the castle, Baron Jiří Haas. Furthermore, many visitors will surely appreciate the exhibition of castle and forest ghosts in the cellars of the castle’ brewery, or the well supplied stylish vinoteque. Cellar of the Lords of Lichtenberg – Sklep pánů z Lichtenburga
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Straw and Ice Wines

Wines that invoke the memories of gold-coloured evenings in blossoming gardens, aromatic and sweet as honey are produced here only sporadically, mainly because of the overly laborious production process.

The production of straw wine requires grapes with sugar content of at least 27 degrees that are – after the harvest – spread out on straw or straw mats and stay there for at least three months before they are pressed. The straw wine has a very intensive color, interesting bouquet and full, sweetish taste reminding of raisins.

The ice wine – as the name itself suggest – is made from grapes that freeze on the plants and are harvested in late fall. Pressed very carefully, the grapes give a syrupy must with high sugar content, since the frozen water in crystals stays in the press. However, a hundred kilos of grapes yield a mere 27 litres of straw wine must, and even less in the case of ice wine, though the results are truly superb!

Wine cellar Rybníky

The winery is situated in the old building of the former water mill in Rybníky. Annually, the firm produces 70,000 litres of bulk and bottle wine of thirteen kinds. The grapes are grown in the northern part of the Znojmo area, in vineyards belonging to the villages Vémyslice, Petrovice and Dobelice. The wine matures in two cellars directly in the building of the firm. Offered services include supervised wine tasting in the cellar for groups of up to 35 persons, and it is also possible to book an evening seating with refreshment and dinner in a room with a fireplace. The wine from the firm's production can be bought there on weekdays from 7.30 till 15.30.

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The Špalek Family Winery

The family winery cultivates five hectares of vineyards on the Kraví Hora Hill in Sedlešovice with the annual production amounting to 50,000 bottles of wine. The wine cellars are situated in the cellar part of Nový Šaldorf, the so called Blue Cellars. The firm offers an interesting range of traditional wines as well as some specialties such as barrique wines, the white and red Gryllus cuvée, white and red sweet wines of the Šaler port type, or white naturally sweet ice wines. It is possible to arrange seating in the cellar, sale of wine and supervised wine tasting.

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Písař and Sons' Winery

At the beginning of the new millennium, Jiří Písař, the long-time cellarman of Agrovín Vrbovec, has become an elite private wine-maker. His firm has a long family tradition and cultivates two hectares of their own vineyards in the area of Vrbovec, the rest of the grapes are bought. Its annual production is 30,000 litres of wine of twelve varieties. To groups of up to 30 people, Písař and Sons' offer seating in a cosy homely environment and supervised wine tasting with exposition. Hot and cold meals can also be arranged.

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Vaněk Winery

This winery processes solely grapes of its own production, originating from the vineyards located on the area of 3.5 hectares. The firms' annual production is about 30,000 litres of remarkable wines, especially wines with attributes. Half of the wines go directly to private vinoteques: a regular client of the firm is for example the Duke of Schwarzenberg. Wines of the Vaněk winery, regularly winning prizes at prestigious international competitions, are produced in two wine cellars and can be bought for example in the Voňavý krám (Sweet-scented Shop) and the Prestige hotel in Znojmo. Groups of 8–20 persons can book supervised wine tasting with possible refreshment.

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The Terroir

Good wine requires good grapes and a good wine maker. The wine growers do not need to know what is behind the successfulness of a certain type of soil; however, they know well which soils in which climatic conditions are favourable for certain varieties of grapevine. The unique character of a vineyard, its genius loci, is called the "terroir". For Frenchmen – who actually "discovered" this term – the terroir is a matter of faith and the basis of their whole classification system. The terroir represents the summary of soil and climatic conditions characteristic for a particular vineyard that all together influence the taste and quality of wine. It remembers the unique locality of each vineyard including its altitude and orientation within the slope, puts emphasis on the climate, soil, subsoil and the bedrock, and pays attention to individual varieties and also the human factor in a broader sense.



The Barrique Wines

If wine making is a science, then twice the same holds for the barrique technology. Barrique wines – both red and white – mature in smaller oak barrels with the volume of 225 litres from the wood of which various aromatic substances are released. Thus the wines gain an inimitable taste and bouquet – after vanilla and smoke, plum jam or smoked meat, roasted nuts and coffee beans, but also coconuts or butter toasts. The connoisseurs claim there are about forty kinds of various tastes and bouquets, while the decisive factor is the type of the oak wood and the intensity of the barrel interior burning. The best are considered oaks with subtle grains coming from French woods, but renowned are oaks from Slovenia, Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic as well. Since the barrique barrels are rather expensive (about EUR 700), also the barrique wines frequently cost more than a third as much as wines that have not met oaks on their production way.

Hort Winery

The winery annually produces 30,000 litres of bottled wines and owns a wine cellar in Dobšice near Znojmo. All the grapes are bought from stable suppliers coming from the best localities all over South Moravia; resulting in wines with higher content of natural sugar and a number of competition awards. Groups of 5 to 32 persons can book supervised wine tasting with cold and hot meals. The firm offers counselling and exchange services, guiding around the wine-growing areas and wine cellars of South Moravia, supervised tasting with expert presentations throughout the whole of the Czech Republic, and also home delivery of wines on the route from Znojmo to Prague.

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Vinea Znojmo

The company achieved the integrated production certificate in 2000. It cultivates 71 hectares of vineyards and processes solely its own grapes of a wide range of varieties in compliance with the principles of environmentally friendly agriculture. It annually produces 30,000 bottles of wine that win competition prizes every year. Grapes are processed and wines mature in both stainless steel tanks and oak and acacia barrels in a cellar in Nový Šaldorf, excavated at the beginning of the 19th century. It is possible to book supervised tasting with possible refreshments in the cellar.

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Líbal Winery

This family winery produces bulk and especially bottled wines of all varieties in an annual volume of 30,000 litres. The emphasis is on wines with an attribute and archive wines - as Mr. Líbal clearly puts it: “Either quality or nothing.” The small wine making location predetermines us to head towards a high quality. The firm, of course, offers also the sale of wine, and wine tasting for groups of 5–40 persons. At the turn of 2004, it plans to open a new cellar in the centre of the village containing a production cellar with a bottling plant and an extensive archive for the storage of wines, as well as a wine shop and wine bar.

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The Maršovice Wine Cellars

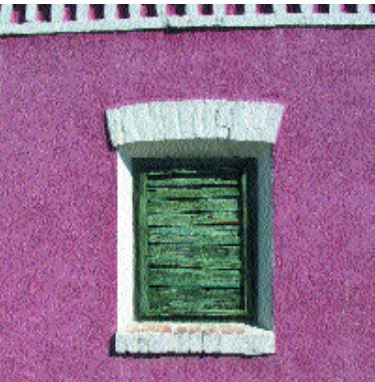
A family winery that cultivates 13 hectares of vineyards with the annual production of 50,000 bottles of wine. It specializes especially in wines with attributes, produces straw wine and is one of the first growers of Dornfelder, a new red grape variety. The firm applies integrated production methods, i.e. environmentally friendly cultivation procedures. A curiosity of the firm is a cellar dug in clay. Visitors are welcome to see also the vineyards, and after booking the firm can prepare supervised wine tasting (in Czech, English and German) with buffet included, for groups of 5–15 people.

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The Podyjí National Park

Znojmo is the ancient centre of Podyjí – and Podyjí is the youngest and also the smallest Czech national park, declared in 1992. The Dyje River itself forms the border with Austria within the national park. The river is truly unique for fishermen and everyone who wants to enjoy its mysteriousness and majesty. The most beautiful part of the river is the central part between Podhradí and Znojmo, where the river created a deep romantic valley with innumerable meanders. The west part is inundated by the 30 kilometres long Vranov Dam. The Podyjí National Park comprises the east part of this valley. The low river valley is surrounded by steep hills covered with deep forests providing shelter to many warm-loving flora and protected fauna. The diversity of the environment and the extraordinary richness of plant and animal species on such a small area are truly unheard-of.

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The Winegrowers' Guild Nový Šaldorf and Sedlešovice

The Winegrowers' Guild Nový Šaldorf and Sedlešovice associates eleven winegrowers from both villages. Founders of these villages were of German nationality; it was them who brought vine into this area, established the local famous vineyard Kraví Hora Mountain and during six centuries dug out more than two hundred wine cellars. The settlers, who came after the evacuation of the original inhabitants in 1945 from the areas, where the vine wasn't grown, could hardly catch up and follow the collapsed several centuries long wine-growing traditions. Only after 1989 the local wine-growing started to wake up and blossom. The Winegrowers Guild was established in 2003 and during just one year of its existence it prepared the first proper wine exhibition after seventeen years and in the complex of Blue Cellars

(Modré sklepy) in Nový Šaldorf it also built the first municipal vinotheque of the Znojmo wine-growing region, where the members of the Guild present their wines. If you would like to know, what treasures can be found in the Nový Šaldorf and Sedlešovice cellars, the vinotheque will give you a perfect overview. The visitors can participate in the professional wine-tasting, visit the local cellar and if they are not interested to buy a large amount of wine, they can buy directly on the spot - as the wine is only 5 % dearer than from the winegrowers themselves.

Vinotheque Nový Šaldorf-Modré sklepy (cellar No.20) sklep č. 20 u Nápravů
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EKO Hnízdo

A developing winery with integrated production cultivates more than 140 hectares of vineyards in interesting localities. The firm has produced wines for the second year now, before then all its grapes were bought out by the Znovín Znojmo company. The firm Eko Hnízdo achieves an annual production of 20,000 litres of wines, with attributes however, the plans are to reach five times as much. It can provide supervised tasting, private seating, as well as the sale of wine and other refreshments at the Lampelberk Castle near Ječmeniště, or in case of bigger groups (45 person) seating with meals in the cellar in Chvalovice.

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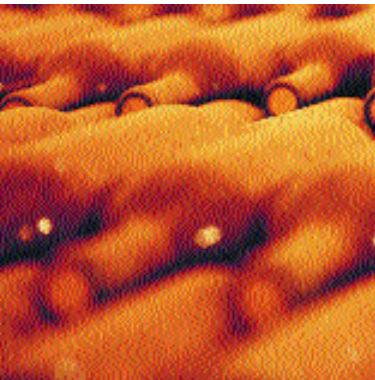
Hevera Winery

A family winery founded in 1992 cultivates grapes on an area of three hectares of vineyards located on kaolin subsoils. The mixture of clay, kaolin and diatomaceous soil endows the wines, produced in a natural way in the annual volume of 20,000 litres, with a specific taste. Groups of visitors (8-40 persons) are offered supervised wine tasting with possible refreshments. The cellar of the firm is open also to cyclists and passers-by.

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Sebastian Freytág of Čepiroh

A truly Renaissance man coming from an insignificant Czech aristocratic family who became famous at the end of the 16th century as an exceptionally capable Abbot of the Premostratensian Monastery in Louka near Znojmo. However, before he ended up his profane career he became the juris utriusque doctor and the educator of the future Holy Roman emperor Rudolf II, member of the order of the Maltese Knights, and in 1571 also the commanding officer in the memorable battle of Lepanto. He indelibly imprinted himself in the history of the Znojmo area as the founder of the tradition of cultivation of gherkins. This plant was said to be able to cure the plague. The Abbot Sebastian had had the first seeds sent from overseas, and with pomp and circumstance he started cultivation of gherkins in the monastery garden from where they later spread to other presbyteries and outside them to the whole of the Znojmo area. And period recipes? They recommended serving gherkins with honey and sugar. Bon appetit!



To store or to drink?

To store the best and enjoy the rest, recommends Joanna Simon, the author of the bestseller *Discovering Wine. Why? Simply* because the majority of today's wines are perfectly ready for immediate consumption already in the moment when they appear on the market. Some of them can be kept in excellent state for four or five years, but only few of them gain quality by storage and will taste better and more attractively after a long time. All in all, it is more advisable to store red wines because it takes them longer to reach the top maturity, but they also retain it longer.

When choosing wines of the Znojmo area for your archive, we recommend you to select both dry and sweet Rhine Rieslings, Italian Rieslings, high quality Valtelina and excellent vintages of Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris or Pinot Noir. You can trust also the otherwise problematic Sauvignon that you can enjoy even after a few years with true pleasure.

Dobrovolný Wine Cellars

The firm founded in 1965 cultivates nearly 3.5 hectares of vineyards containing grapevines of all varieties, and annually produces up to 30,000 litres of wine, including 5,000 pieces of bottled wines. The firm runs three cellars: a big archive cellar with brick boxes; an old cellar with the cellar mould *Cladosporium celare* on its walls that regulates humidity; and a production cellar. Tasting and seating can be booked for both smaller and bigger groups, and refreshments can also be arranged.

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The SEWAR Winery

The Sewar winery grows grapevine on 17 hectares of vineyards in the Hrušovany micro-region and annually produces 30,000 litres of wine. For groups (up to 60 persons) it offers supervised tasting with meals, as well as lodging. A wine bar in the Šanov wine cellar is open to the public every Saturday and provides a wide range of wines that are available also in gift packaging. The company further owns the "Gól" Bistro in the nearby village of Hrabětice, and hires fishing equipment and other facilities for those interested in sport fishing in its pond. The winery also provides wine delivery service.

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Marek's Wine Cellars

The winery continues in the hundred years long wine making tradition of the Puchwein family coming from Austrian Albendorf - and Josef Jiří Puchwein became the famous Czech writer Jiří Marek, the originator of the immortal inspector Vacátko in the book *Sinful People of the Town of Prague* (*Hříšní lidé města pražského*). The tradition is kept alive by his son. The winery cultivates two hectares of vineyards and owns a 496 meters long cellar, continually built since the 14th century. It uses traditional production methods complemented by a unique method of controlled fermentation in the so called Odic zones. Visitors can see the cellar and taste the wines, but can also be provided with lodging.

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The westernmost Moravian wines

... you can taste in the Wine-growers' and cultural centre *Sádek*. It lies 10 km south of *Třebíč* in the middle of the vineyards below the *Sádek* castle. It offers its visitors not only a whole-day wine-tasting and sale of local, South-Moravian and world wines, but also a tour through unique wine cellars with archive boxes for wine bottles and plentiful opportunities for sport – tennis courts, outdoor swimming pool, volleyball and basketball playgrounds, cycling trails and horse riding.

In the nearby natural amphitheatre cultural and social events are held including a traditional dulcimer music festival. Here you can also find a hotel, a stylish restaurant with a terrace and finally a number of interesting destinations in the environs – Jewish town in *Třebíč*, chateaux in *Jaroměřice nad Rokytnou*, *Náměšť nad Oslovou* and *Telč*.

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