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Russian wines conquer Europe.

Only few people relate Russia with fields full of vines and high quality wines. As of now wine trade Start2taste in Waregem changes this view. The hard work of the Russian winegrowers starts to show. Wines have experienced great succes and received good scores on international competitions. It would be a shame if wine lovers are denied the chance to taste these wines in Belgium and Europe.

The wine industry is promoted by the Russian authorities as a healthy alternative to spirits with a high alcohol content. The export of Russian wines is starting. In November 2018 Start2taste, as the first wine trade in Europe, shipped a large amount of bottles red, white and sparkling wines from 5 different Russian wineries to the harbour of Antwerp. Belgium and by extension Europe will soon have the possibility to discover these ‘new’, surprising, New World wines.

The official Russian winetasting and presentation in Belgium will take place in the Russian Center for Science and Culture in the presence of Mr Alexander Tokovinin, Ambassador of Russia in Belgium. Date: December 17th 2018.

From vodka to wine

In a region almost synonymous to vodka, it is hard to imagine that winegrowing – mostly organic- is fastly developing. Russia has a very good historic reputation on sparkling wines. Since the start of recent privatisation of the wineries, Russia’s wine industry has finally turned the corner in the 21st century. ‘Even the former winemaker of Château Mouton Rothschild supervises a Russian winery’, says manager Dimitri Bonte. “We speak about high quality wines with a huge potential. Not only for the Russian market but also regarding export. That is why Start2taste wants to take a pole position.”

Five different Russian wineries

During the tasting wines from 5 different wineries will be tasted. Each winery has its own identity. The selection criteria are high quality and potential.

Domaine Burnier

This 50-hectare vineyard situated near the Black Sea was founded in 2001 by the Swiss winemaker Renaud Burnier and his wife. Swiss solidity is also seen in the glass. This is an exclusive estate vineyard and winery with a unique philosophy. Authenticity, excellence and

consistency are the defining elements of the Domaine Burnier philosophy. Their goal is creating authentic wines that are worthy of representing Russia all over the world.

Phantom

The Phantom is a unique author's project in the oldest region of Russian winemaking, the Right bank of the Don Valley. Creators of this wine are the head of the Union of Sommelier and the head of oenogists team of "Vedernikov Winery (200 hectares)". "Phantom" is the image of the past, embodied by two great red varieties of grapes. The wine outstripped the time and invites to glance in the future of the Russian winemaking. It is impossible to imagine... not easy to find... necessary to taste.

Villa Victoria

Villa Victoria, located in the Semigorje valley, was created in 2009 by the family of winemakers Sergey Yanov en Victoria Yanova. The farm began with the planting of Italian clone selection seeds grown in one of the best Italian nurseries. The 36-hectares winery focuses on the Burgundy style and consultation of the entire project is carried out by the equally famous "flying winemaker" John Vronchack. This coöperation makes it possible to produce high-quality wines.

Lefkadia

The 50-hectares domaine Lefkadia in the Krymsk area was established as a family enterprise in 2006 by Mr. Mikhail Nikolaev and son. Nature itself gives them the perfect conditions for producing high quality wines. Patrick Leon, former winemaker of Mouton Rothschild, who worked together with baron Philippe de Rothschild and Robert Mondavi, makes the wines. Their ultimate aim is professionalism, quality and creating inimitable masterpieces of Russian winemaking.

Sauk Dere

The 134-hectares winery located on the foothills of the Caucasus mountains with a rich history originating in avant-garde 2016. The wine labels still have the style of the acient Sovjet labels of the sixties. Sauk Dere is experiencing a renaissance. Modern equipment, experienced professionals and new vineyards in a unique microclimate have brought this historical site to new heights..

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