

2022 Harvest Moon

Gönc Winery | Štajerska, Slovenia

Peter harvests this Pinot Grigio under the full moon, and six weeks on the skins turn it the color of one. Harvest Moon is deep amber and savory, with a gentle tannic grip and no added sulfites.

VINTAGE

2022 was warm and dry in Štajerska, a low-yield year with real concentration. An early spring brought rapid growth and healthy flowering. The summer ran hot and dry, long sunshine shrinking the crop to smaller berries with thicker skins, while cool nights held acidity and aromatic precision. Harvest came earlier than usual under dry, stable conditions, with healthy fruit across the vineyards.

TERROIR

Gönc's vineyards sit outside Ptuj, the oldest town in Slovenia, in the Štajerska wine region of the northeast. Vines run 20 to 55 years old, planted at 4,000 vines per hectare on sandy, marl-rich soils and trained to single Guyot. Elevation ranges from roughly 820 to 1,300 feet. The continental climate, with warm summers, cold winters, and a wide swing between day and night temperatures, sets ripe fruit against the mineral acidity that marks this corner of Slovenia.

WINEMAKING

Picked by hand under the full moon. Fermentation runs 42 days at 16 to 18°C (61 to 64°F), the wine on its skins the whole time and made without added sulfites. It completes malolactic fermentation, then rests fifteen months on fine lees before two to three months in bottle.

TASTING NOTES

Deep amber, perfumed with dried apricot, orange peel, ripe pear, and tea leaf. Textured and savory on the palate, stone fruit and preserved citrus over a gentle tannic grip from the skin contact. The finish is long and mineral, with dried flowers and a touch of spice.

FOOD PAIRING

Charcuterie • Roast poultry • Pork • Mushroom dishes
Grilled vegetables • Aged cheeses
Mediterranean and Middle Eastern dishes



serving temp
54–64°F

varietals 100% Pinot Grigio

farming Sustainable

alcohol 12%

residual sugar 1.5 g/L

pH 3.66

acidity 5.6 g/L

SO₂ 37 ppm

fermentation 42 days, 61 to 64°F

