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# Balla Feketeleányka(Feteasca Neagra) 2023, Minis, Romania




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| Region/Country : | Minis/Romania |
| Grape Variety : | 100% Feketeleanyka |
| Closure : | Cork |
| Cellar Potential : | 5-7 years |
| Residual Sugar : | 4.24 g |
| Alcohol : | 14.68 % |
| Bottle Size : | 75 cl |
| Case Size : | 6 |
| Vegan : | Yes |
| Vegetarian : | Yes |

## Grower

Balla Géza Winery is dedicated to expressing the unique character of the Minis region through native varieties and minimal-intervention winemaking. Their philosophy emphasizes individuality in taste and aroma, reflecting the terroir's distinctive attributes and Mediterranean microclimate. The winery cultivates 145ha own plantation.

## Region

The Minis wine region (DOC Minis) is located in western Romania, near the town of Arad, along the lower slopes of the Zarand Mountains. It features a continental climate with warm summers and moderate rainfall, and its soils—rich in clay, marl, and volcanic elements—are ideal for producing expressive red and aromatic white wines.

## Vineyards

The 2023 vintage brought healthy ripening and balanced fruit expression in the Hosszú-hegy vineyard, located in the historic Minis wine region. The vineyard is planted on brown forest soils with volcanic subsoil, cultivated using a mix of Lenz-Moser and Guyot training systems. Yields are carefully managed to 6–7 tons per hectare.

## Vinification

The must underwent skin contact fermentation for 10–15 days in stainless steel tanks at 25 °C to extract color and varietal character. Following fermentation, 30% of the wine was aged for approximately 12 months in a combination of French and Hungarian (Zemplén) 300-liter oak barrels, adding depth and structure to the final wine.

## Tasting Notes

Delicate, soft, and fruit-forward on the nose. On the palate, it shows a silky texture with vibrant flavors of ripe plum and fresh red berries, complemented by velvety tannins and subtle notes of sweet spice. Elegant, smooth, and very approachable.

Perfect with roast duck, grilled pork, mushroom dishes, and soft cheeses

## Pronounciations:

Géza Balla "GAY-zah BAH-lah"

Királyleanyka “ FEH-keh-teh-LAY-ahn-kah”

## Website

http://www.ballageza.com/

**Feketeleányka**, known in Romanian as **Fetească Neagră**, is an ancient indigenous red grape variety originating from the Carpathian Basin, primarily cultivated in Romania and Hungary. It produces elegant, medium-bodied wines with aromas of ripe plums, red berries, and subtle spices, often showing velvety tannins and good ageing potential. Valued for its balance and finesse, it is one of the most important native red varieties in the region.