



Jaanihanso, Estonia



Jaanihanso is a family owned cider house and orchard located on a historic farm dating back to the 18th century. The Roosimaa family bought Jaanihanso in 2000. Their knowledge of the farm's history originates from the papers that they found from the house, and from older villagers stopping at their gate to reminisce about the "old days".

An old and shabby collective farm era workshop that had always disturbed the view across their land turned out to be the perfect location for Jaanihanso Cidery. They bought it, refurbished it and moved in tanks and a cider press.

The renovation story of the estate has been in sync with their own growing pains. Some years with larger construction works, some years not that much, but there has been constant mutual bettering. In 2013, when the last bits of the house had been refurbished, the car had to move out from its brand-new pigsty-turned-garage to make room for cider. Famously, a garage is the best place to start a venture.

The perfect soil around the cidery has started to fill with apple trees. First 3800 trees of four different varieties have been planted and many more will follow. With the assistance of some of the leading growers and academics the Roosimaa family want to get the best out of traditional local varieties. Their aim is to become a fully organic producer sometime down the road. They are certain it is worth it.



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