

# 2018 SEBESTYÉN BIKAVÉR

This wine showcases its versatile grape varieties with a good concentration in the mid-palate. Playful but serious at the same time, with all the characteristics of Szekszárd region's terroir.

Modern expression of Bikaver!



**Vintage:** 2018

**Country:** Hungary

**Region:** Szekszárd

**Vineyard:** Iván-valley, Porkoláb-valley, Görögszó, Szentgál, Baranya-valley

**Soil:** loess with calcareous 'dolls'

**Grape Varieties:** Kékfrankos 50%, Cabernet 21%, Merlot 21%, Kadarka 8%

**Alcohol Content:** 13.5%

**Vinification:** Grapes were handpicked and fermented in open top fermenters and allowed to macerate for 7 days. The wine was then aged for 22 months in 3rd and 5th used 5hl Hungarian oak barrels, along with a portion aging in 14 year old 600L casks.



SEBESTYÉN

Csaba Sebestyén does not come from a winemaking family, he never went to school for it, never even really thought about it as a career, in fact he was a mechanic in his previous profession. That all changed on a day in 1998 when Csaba, an avid fisherman, was drinking his father's homemade wine while waiting for a fish to bite. By chance a French Sommelier, and part time winemaker himself, noticed Csaba and asked if he could try the wine. Csaba was curious to know why the Frenchman took so much time to smell and savor the wine, to him it was something to drink while he passed the time fishing. The Sommelier explained the interplay between smells, flavors, and tannins and how they can all help to enhance the experience. Csaba was hooked, deciding then and there that he would begin making his own wine that Autumn.

Flash forward almost Twenty years and now Csaba's wines are considered some of the best in not just the Szekszárd region, but in all of Hungary. Now joined by his sister Csilla, who caught the wine bug in her own right and worked as sommelier at the two-Michelin-star Andrew Fairlie in Scotland, the two are shaping Sebestyén into a winery that showcases the amazing potential of the Szekszárd wine region, along with its holy trinity of Kadarka, Bikavér and Kékfrankos.

