



THRACIAN LEGENDS ORGANIC ROSÉ WITH A MEDAL FROM LONDON EXPERTS IN WINE AWARDS

Katerina Dimitrova promotes her organic wine in an artistic way. The wines from the THRACIAN LEGENDS series come with the history and legends of ancient Thracians. Therefore the brand chose a label with Orpheus' charming nature with the harmony of his harp. Thracian treasures impress the world with their exquisiteness dating back from the dawn of human civilization. Yet these artifacts are not the sole gift ancient Thracians left. Thracian culture and religious beliefs have wisdom and depth modern day people can but admire. Orpheus, harp in hand, is a common portrayal of the 'Thracian singer', as he was known far in the past. Music was the main vehicle of his philosophy that in order to live well, one needs to be in harmony with nature.

At the LONDON EXPERTS IN WINE AWARDS – a prestigious wine competition under the patronage of His Royal Highness Kyril, Prince of Preslav (Saxe-Coburg), the Thracian Legends Rosé received a bronze medal. The high distinction is well-deserved not only because of Katerina Dimitrova's efforts and talents but because of the qualities of the grapes from Aytos.

1W: Mrs. Dimitrova, you are famous for promoting organic farming in an artistic way, through the organic wine. Thracian Legends is your brand. What is exactly the legend behind the wine you are making?

Yes, my organic wines are called Thracian Legends. Organic wines are made from grapes produced in environmentally friendly vineyards. This type of farming involves only organic plant protection and other practices that cause no harm to humans or the environment. The famous Thracian Orpheus charmed plants, animals, humans, and gods with the force of harmony, thousands of years ago in this very land where we live nowadays. I urge you to read my essay "Orpheus on Harmony" available on my website: www.thracian-legends.com

1W: What is it that connects wine, art, and harmony?

Since antiquity, wine has been a part of people's lives. Well-made wine is living harmony, and, together with good food, provides for a good life. For Thracians wine was the connection between the realms of the spiritual and the mundane. In their temples they would set wine on fire and use the rising smoke for divination. We are descendants of the first European civilization. Even today wine is not just an alcoholic drink. For every winemaker the process of producing wine is nothing short of art. You always have your personal ideas and understandings embodied in the wine. Traditionally, good wines are harmonious, well balanced, and unique. Organic wines are that special blend of nature's and human working.

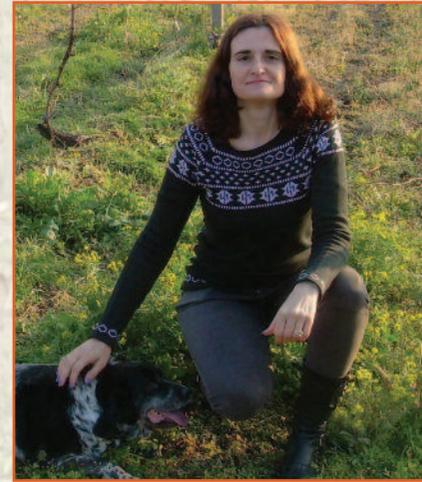
1W: There are plenty of myths surrounding Bulgarian wine. Do they help or

is it just the opposite?

I would rather say that Bulgarian wine is famous around the world, not only among mass consumers but among the majority of connoisseurs in the winery sector. Here we have unique climate coupled with traditions in viticulture and winemaking. Targeted and extensive efforts are needed to promote the image of Bulgarian wines.

1W: Thracian Legends Organic Rosé received a bronze medal at the EXPERTS IN Wine Awards /'The Best from Bulgaria'/ under the patronage of His Royal Highness Kyril, Prince of Preslav, Duke of Saxony. What made your wine stand out among other rival wines?

Let me thank Anelia Berova and Petar Petkov who did the organization of the event, as well Prince Kyril who knows well the beauty and diversity of Bulgarian nature and loves to talk about it, also Demetri Walters who chaired the jury. All fellow wine-makers championed their best wines and some of them also received awards. I have chosen my Muscat Ottonel and Rosé. You are asking how my wines are different. Our wines are organic causing their terroir to be more pronounced. Soil is an important component



of the terroir. In organic farming, we do not use chemical products to remove the grass and other vegetation. We use only mechanical soil treatment. In this way we bring natural nutrients from other vegetation back in the terroir, the grapes, especially white, thus taking in some of their taste and flavor. Another difference is that in organic winemaking almost no preservatives and practices altering natural properties such as color, body, and taste are used. My wines are natural wines.

1W: Wine for you is...?

Future, I hope – for my family and for myself. I am full of ideas for my organic terroir. I am about to have other plants in some parts of the vineyards - plants with phytotherapeutic properties, for plant protection and for human use too. Examples are mugwort, pyrethrum, camomile, etc. I will plant roses too. They serve as natural protection and sentinels of mildew and other diseases. Dogs, wild animals have senses that are superior to human ones. Nevertheless we as humans always feel well and in harmony within when we are close to nature. By using such methods I will be able to demonstrate that by observing, understanding and learning from nature, we come to live lives that are healthier and more composed.



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