



Vranec, Stobi Dooel Gradsko, Tikves 2017

Vinarija Stobi Dooel Gradsko, Tikves, Macedonia

LCBO # 317297 | 13.5% alc./vol. | \$14.95 | Release: 04-Apr-2020

"The Stobi winery is among the most modern in Macedonia. This dark, approachable wine, with its ripe blueberry fruit and deftly accomplished tannins, is ideal for roast pork, veal, or beef stew." (Vintages panel, Aug. 2019)

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(Michael Vaughan on 2015 vintage, Vintage Assessments, 2018)

Terroir:

Located in central Macedonia and enclosed by mountain highlands on three sides. It consists of gentle undulating hills at an average of 300 meters above sea-level. Its climate is characterized by long, hot summers and mild and rainy sub-Mediterranean winters with an average of 460 mm of rainfall each year. As a result of a harmonious climatic and geographic convergence, the Tikveš region is a perfect place for the cultivation of wine. The region has produced wine for over 2,500 years.



Vinification:

Every vine is cut by hand to match the growth and maturation, each bunch growth is monitored. Only the best, ripen grapes are used in the perfectly controlled system in the most modern winery in the country. Wines are clean and NOT-contaminated with any pesticides or heavy metals. The use of SO2 is 30-50% lower compared to the average industry practice.

Variety: Vranec 100%

Residual Sugar: 4 g/L

Serving tips and food pairing: Serve at ~16°C with roasted pork, veal, venison, home-made pies, baked pasta, Mediterranean plates & strong aromatic mature cheeses.

Robert Parker (15vntg) 88p

Sara d'Amato, WineAlign'18 (15vntg) 88p

**Dave McIntyre,
 washingtonpost.com'15 (12vntg) ★★**





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Sara d'Amato '18	On 2015 vintage: Pours the deepest blackest hue which is typical of vranec. A dry, full bodied red with solid but not overly drying tannic structure. A great deal of fruit is offered and impressive intensity for the small price. No notable oak, just pure, unadulterated fruit. A year in bottle has been beneficial. Great value. Re-tasted February 2018. www.winealign.com
David Lawrason '17	On 2015 vintage: This is a bright, fruity, tart-edged, modern red with some cranberry, raspberry sweet vanillin and oak. It is mid-weight, fairly rich. Put together very well. Fairly simple but nicely done. Very good value. Pinot fans take note. www.winealign.com
Sara d'Amato '15	On 2012 vintage: Red and black liquorice make a first impression on the nose. Wild herbs and a hint of fennel add complexity to the palate. Love the richness and depth but also the brightness of acidity. Nicely balanced and characteristically darkly coloured. www.winealign.com
John Szabo '15	On 2012 vintage: There's a significant dose of wine here for \$14 to be sure; although wood is heavy and the fruit is slightly overripe (14.5% alcohol declared), this should please those searching for new horizons in a full-bodied, spicy, dark fruit-scented red that would be at home in a lineup of new world Cabernet Francs and/or Sauvignons. Tasted April 2015. Value Rating: **1/2. www.winealign.com