



## UNITED STARS SAPERAVI, KAKHETI 2018

Koncho & Co, Kakheti, Georgia

LCBO # 466458 | 12.9% alc./vol. | \$13.95 | Release: 06-Mar-2021

**Oldest Georgian brand in Canada**



*The best qualities of the famous ancient Saperavi grape are expressed in this particular vine. Dark pomegranate colour, complex aroma, in which the tones of currants and cherry match harmoniously with the pleasant tones of oak.*

*"...A delectably dry, ruby coloured red wine with a glistening purple hue. Dark and plummy with spicy, earthy undertones. Well balanced with a clean finish, this will pair nicely with herbed grilled pork and root vegetables. A spectacular value...for this old world gem! Enjoy." (Andrea Shapiro on 2016 vintage, NatalieMacLean.com, 2020)*

*"Crafted from the Saperavi grape variety, this wine displayed a stunning deep ruby in my glass and revealed notes reminiscent of candied red berries and cherries, earthy cedar and wood smoke. Showing velvety tannins, this medium bodied red from the Republic of Georgia capped off with an extended fruity finish..."*

*(Craig Haynes on 2016 vintage, NatalieMacLean.com, 2020)*

### Terroir:

Vineyards are located in Eastern Georgia, Internal Kakheti, where viticultural history starts 7-8 thousand years ago, Kvareli administrative district in the South Caucasus. Vineyards are at ~450 m altitude near the river. Biggest part of the grapes come from the winery vineyards in **PDO Kindzmarauli micro-zone**. Carbonate alluvial soils are rich in the river brought black/blue slate. Climate is moderate warm with plenty of precipitation.



### Vinification:

Only the healthy bunches are selectively picked by hand at the end of September. Classic fermentation with must is followed by malolactic fermentation and refinement in 400 dal Caucasian oak barrels for 12 months.

**Variety:** Saperavi 100%.

**Residual Sugar:** 2 g/L

**Serving suggestion and food pairing:** Serve at 20°C, decant if softer structure is desired. Pairs well with red meat dishes, especially lamb and cheese platters.

**Andrea Shapiro & Craig Haynes, NatalieMacLean.com'20 (16vntg) 88p**

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