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UNITED STARS SAPERAVI, KAKHETI 2022

Koncho & Co, Kakheti, Georgia

LCBO # 466458 | 12.9% alc./vol. | \$15.95 | Release: 26-Apr-2025

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.

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.



Michael Vaughan, Vintage Assessments'24 '25 88.5p & Best Buy
Megha Jandhyala, John Szabo, WineAlign'24 88p



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<p>Michael Vaughan, 2024, 2025</p>	<p>On 2022 vintage: This indigenous 100% Saperavi variety produces Georgia's top red wines. Deep purple-red in colour, it has a slightly floral, faintly spicy, ripe, plum-black-cherry nose with a touch of cedar. Dry, medium bodied and tasty, the still youthful, ripe, plum-raspberry flavours are followed up by a lingering, gently cedary, very bright finish. This versatile, ready-to-drink, crowd-pleaser was matured for 12 months in oak and is the 8th time it has appeared in Vintages. Score – 88.5p, Recommended & Best Buy.</p> <p>On 2022 vintage: Made from the Saperavi grape which is indigenous to Georgia and is the country's most planted red grape variety. Fairly deep purple-red colour, it has an attractive, slightly floral, spicy, ripe, plumy-black-cherry purée nose with a touch of cedar. Dry, medium bodied, attractive, ripe, blueberry-plum-raspberry flavours with a lingering, slightly cedary, harmonious finish. A real ready-to-drink crowd-pleaser, it was matured for 12 months in oak. Referred to as a Barolo on a budget, it is terrific with Italian tomato-based dishes. Score – 88.5p, Recommended & Best Buy. www.vintageassessments.com</p>
<p>Megha Jandhyala, 2024</p>	<p>On 2022 vintage: This is a relatively dry saperavi, with pretty notes of ripe and lightly seared red plums, vanilla, and spice. It feels tender and juicy on the palate, like biting into a fleshy plum, with lively acids and sparse, fine tannins. A pleasant, balanced wine, with guileless charm, it is ready-to-drink and best enjoyed now or over the short term. Score – 88p Value rating 5*. www.winealign.com</p>
<p>John Szabo , 2024</p>	<p>On 2022 vintage: Soft, plush, fruity and spicy, zesty and bright, this is a delightful, and delightfully priced saperavi from Georgia, bone dry and medium-bodied, ready to enjoy. Tannins are quite fine, leaving acids to drive the finish home. Rare to find this kind of honest wine, so drinkable, at under \$15. Would make for a good summer BBQ house wine. Score – 88p Value rating 5*. www.winealign.com</p>
<p>Michael Godel, 2024</p>	<p>On 2022 vintage: Koncho Winery is the oldest Georgian brand in Canada and their viticultural history dates back 8,000 years. The ultra traditional dry saperavi is aged in Caucasian oak barrels for 12 months using PDO Kindzmarauli micro-zone fruit grown at 450m of elevation near to the river. The carbonate-alluvial soils are rich in black/blue slate to develop this ripeness-richness-sappy texture in sapervai with a marked mineral sharpness. For the price this is a complex varietal wine to act as a perfect portal into the genre of grape and place. Drink 2024-2026. Score – 87p Value rating 4*. www.winealign.com</p>
<p>Andrea Shapiro, 2020</p>	<p>On 2016 vintage: Made from the Saperavi grape, from Koncho Winery located in the Kakheti region of Georgia and produced by United Stars. 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 \$14.95 466458 for this old world gem! Enjoy. Score – 88p. www.nataliemaclean.com</p>

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Craig Haynes, 2020

On 2016 vintage: 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. From a terroir perspective, this wine was created mostly from saperavi harvested in the country's Kindzmarauli appellation. Enjoy.

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