



Radacini Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

"Radacini Wines" SRL, Cimisia, Republic of Moldova

LCBO # 548545 | 13.0% alc./vol. | \$13.95 | Release: 27-Jun-2020

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"A defining trait of Cabernet Sauvignon is that though it will reflect the distinct characteristics of the various places in which it's grown, well-made Cabernet expresses a defining cassis note at its core no matter where it's produced. This one surrounds the cassis with ripe dark fruit, lifted herbal tones and deftly managed oak influences. A wine to pair with mid-week burgers." **(Vintages panel, Aug. 2019)**

Terroir:

"Albastrele Wines" vineyards are located in the 2 regions.

- 300 Ha at the Valui lui Traian region. It has a warm climate with influences from the Black Sea and the forests in the Tigheci Hill. Red matured Radacini wines come from this region.
- 180 Ha in Codru region. It has a fragmented relief of valleys and small rivers. The oak and linden forests account for 25% of the territory, influencing the microclimate of the region. This is where grow white grape varieties mostly.



Vinification:

Hand harvested select grapes. Temperature controlled fermentation. Aged in French oak barrique for one year.

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Residual sugar: 3 g/L

Serving suggestion and food pairing: Serve at 17°C after decanting with meat roasts and traditional regional delicacies like "sarmale" (stuffed cabbage rolls with minced meat) or "mici" (short barbecued sausages without casings).

Greg Hughes, nataliemaclean.com'18 (15vntg)

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On 2015 vintage: Moldova's a very underappreciated wine region that produces some pretty cool wines. Here, you get a high quality Cab Sauv that was hand-picked and aged in European oak. It's racy, medium bodied, and with a ton of old-world traditionalist flare. It's medium-garnet, firm, and aromatic. Lots of fermenting tobacco, cedar, cassis, dried herbs, currant, bramble, and smoky vanilla. The flavours have some nice acidity. If one had to guess, the combination of hot days and cool nights have played a big role in the expression of this wine. Acidity and aromatics. The flavours are lip smacking and juicy. There is a familiar capsicum undertone that but once reminds me a bit of Niagara and Washington cabs that have seen a touch less sunlight. It gives the wine a spicy edge that makes it a fun pairing wine. This would be a fantastic and exotic burgerwine. That juicy acidity would make short work of some fatty beef. What a cool wine. It would be fantastic to see more of this wine here. Such a solid region full of new experiences for North American palates.
Score – 90p, www.nataliemaclean.com