



Dear winefriend

**From the ice they are freed, the stream and brook,
By the Spring's enlivening, lovely look;
The valley's green with joys of hope;
The Winter old and weak ascends
Back to the rugged mountain slope ...**

... and after the Easter Walk, normally we have an exquisite meal, accompanied by some fine wines. Take advantage of our Easter special, to fill up your Tokaji stock. We wish you happy holidays (if there are in your country).

Enjoy reading our newsletter.
Yours

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Your 80-Euro Easter-Voucher



Exclusive to our newsletter subscribers only: You have the chance to get Szepsy's legendary 1996 Essencia 80 Euro cheaper. While supplies last (5 bottles available).

"When Essencias upscale it is unnecessary to state tasting notes, there are unnecessary such a diverse range of aromas concrete statements. Score in combination with the drinking time speak for themselves. 450g of residual sugar and 14.8 g of acid. 05/19/20 points."

... writes the Swiss wine writer Sigi Hiss. Take advantage of the opportunity and grab a bottle of this high end Essencia for an exclusive special price. Enter this code when ordering:

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20% discount on Easter specials!



In many countries, there is the tradition of searching for Easter eggs or sweet nests in the garden (hidden or lost by the Easter rabbit). Finding those is a sweet challenge for the kids. Most of you don't believe in Easter rabbits, but for you there is still the challenge to search and find discounted Tokaji Wines in our online shop. Bottles with this Easter egg symbol you can buy now 20% cheaper, until the end of April.

[Search for Easter specials now! »](#)

[Tokaji among the 100 Highlights of the Year](#)

Offer is valid until 30 April 2012.

(excl. VAT) 504.03 €

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Famous Tokaji vineyards. Part 5

Király-hegy

Tokaj's vineyards were the first ever to be formally classified. Already in the mid-17th century the Rákóczi family introduced 1st, 2nd and 3rd class (or cru) quality ratings - more than 150 years before the Bordeaux classification. Today, more and more wineries produce growth-selected wines. A good reason for us, to introduce some famous Tokaji vineyards to you.



Király-hegy, the "King Mountain", situated near Mád, was mentioned among the eight most wellknown dülő-s of Hegyalja in 1963. The vineyard classification rates Király-hegy as a first class growth. Famous nobleman once possessed tracts in this vineyard, including Prince Esterházy, Count Wolkenstein, Count Zichy and Count Batthyány. Also the Andrassy family had property here. Count George Andrassy founded the Tokaj-Hegyalja Wine-Grower Association in 1857, which published the classic Tokaj-Hegyaljai Album of 1867. The name "Király" was used to refer to vineyards that belonged to the king. There are also vineyards named "Király" in Mala Trnava (Slovakian side), Tarcal, Mezőzombor and Sárospatak.

At TOKAJNEUM there are two growth-selected Tokaji from the Király-hegy:

[Szepsy István 1993 Aszúeszencia "Király"](#)

Nearly 300 g/l residual sugar content paired with incredible 16 g/l acidity and 85 g/l sugar-free extracts. Already now a well sought-after collector's item: Only 300 bottles have been produced.

[Szepsy István 1996 Aszú 6 puttonyos](#)

Even rarer than the 1993: it was only produced one barrel (280 bottles). Following the Falstaff magazine (8/2011), it is one of the 20 best sweet wines in the world.

(excl. VAT) 210.08 €

[Save your Szepsy's 1996 Aszú Király-hegy now! »](#)

Historical Tokaji bottles. Part 4



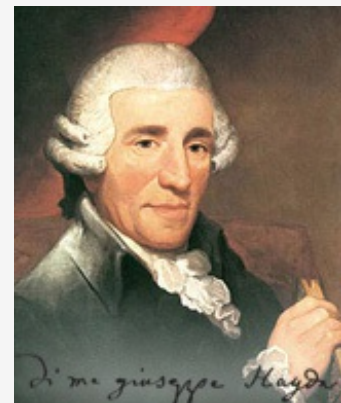
"Complex.. Raisin, hay flower, menthol, piece of apple - and a trace of patina, as they have only big game Tokay concentrated, refined acidity, stunning density and differentiation but fails to back palate unglued."

That is how wine journalist Ulrich Sautter describes our 2003 Royal Tokaji 6 puttonyos Aszú from the Cru exceptional "Mezes Mály" in the January issue of the gourmet magazine "Der Feinschmecker". Divided into ten categories, Ulrich Sautter presented in this issue 2011's 100 wine highlights from his notebook. Also Wine Spectator showed impression and rated the 2003 Mezes Mály with 95 points.

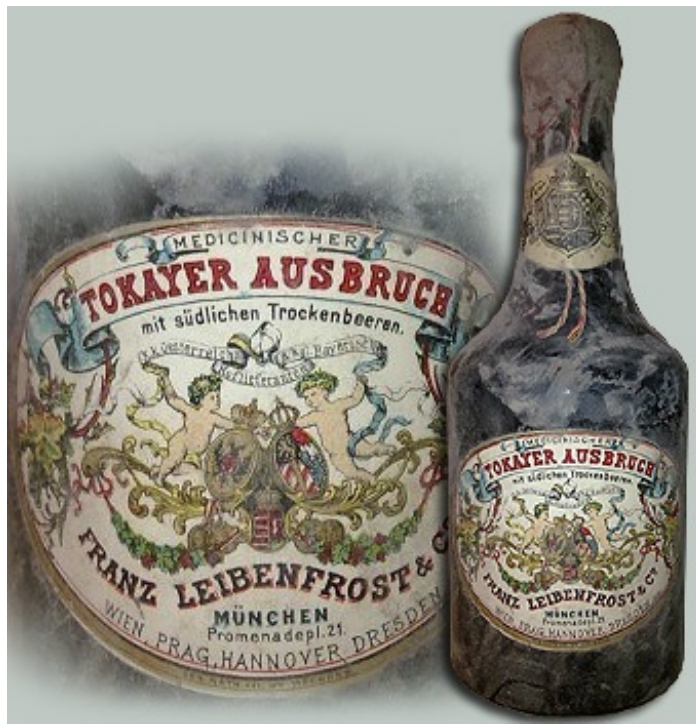
(excl. VAT) 74.79 €

[Try now: 2003 Mezes Mály »](#)

Tokaj Lover Joseph Haydn becomes a Wine Knight



Today, 31 March, marks the 280th anniversary of Joseph Haydn. For this occasion, posthumous honor will be contributed to the Austrian



This bottle 1917 Tokayer Ausbruch was launched as a "medicinal wine", as they were often sold in pharmacies during the imperial period.

The Tokaji wine's content of the vitamins B, E, and the "happiness hormone" serotonin can be significant higher than in other wines. Furthermore, high quality Tokaji wines contain a comparatively high amount of constitutional substances such as superoxide dismutase (SOD), resveratrol, polyamines and polyphenols, which reduce oxidative stress in the organism in their role as antioxidants. Thus they help decreasing the risk of cancer and cardiovascular diseases. Franz Leibenfrost (1790-1851), founder of the wine trading company, for which this Tokaji was bottled for, was an outstanding and well-known wine expert. He was appointed purveyor to the Imperial Court in Vienna and, later, purveyor of the Bavarian Court as well. He owned the famous "Leibenfrost'sches Caffé" in Vienna. Leibenfrost had the honor to take over the supervision of the Vienna Hofkeller. Today, in Vienna there is still a lane called "Leibenfrostgasse", named after him.

composer: In a ceremony in the mausoleum at the Mountain Church in Eisenstadt/Austria the European Knighthood of the Wine will raise him in their ranks.

For decades, Haydn lived and worked in Eisenstadt in the service of Prince Esterházy. It was also fine wine, where he found a source of inspiration. A portion of his salary was a payment in wine of 5 liters a day. It must be said that this quantity was supplied to his whole household, including servants. From Haydn's later years some letters exist, where the composer asked Tokaji wine for his health, says Walter Reicher, director of the International Joseph Haydn Private Foundation, remembering a story: Prince Esterházy, who had own vineyards in Tokaj, intended to provide a coach to the older Haydn. "Haydn thanked very politely for this tremendous honor." Then he meant, "he would prefer it if he could turn this into a payment in Tokaji wine. That would be even more conducive to his health. It was then that way."

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