

Márkvárt Kadarka 2023, Szekszard, Hungary



Region/Country :	Szekszard/ Hungary
Grape Variety :	Kadarka 100 %
Closure :	Screwcap
Cellar Potential :	3-4 years
Residual Sugar :	0.6 g
Alcohol :	12.5%
Bottle Size :	75 cl
Case Size :	12
Vegan :	Yes
Vegetarian :	Yes

Grower

János Márkvárt Jr. represents the new generation of Szekszárd winemakers, rooted in tradition and focused on expressing the elegance and heritage of local varieties. His organically transitioning vineyards emphasize careful farming and minimal intervention winemaking.

Region

The Szekszárd wine district, located in southern Hungary's Tolna County, lies between the Tolna-Baranya Hills and the Dunamenti Plain. Vineyards stretch along the eastern slopes from Szekszárd to Báta, on loess-rich soils ideal for black grapes. The region covers 6,001 hectares, with 2,116 hectares under vine. Its warm continental climate and minimal frost risk favor varieties like Kadarka and Kekfrankos

Vineyards

Grapes come from Jobbremete and Sauli-völgy, two highly regarded vineyard sites in the Szekszárd region. The vines are **80 years old** and grown on loess soil, which imparts finesse and aromatic complexity. The vineyard is in organic and grapes are harvested by hand.

Vineyard size: 1.1 hectares

Harvest date: September 6–7, 2023

Vinification

Spontaneously fermented in open-top vats, using with native yeasts. Malolactic fermentation was completed. The wine was unfiltered and unfined, and matured in stainless steel and bottle, without oak influence.

Bottling date: April 29, 2025

Total production: 3,060 bottles

Tasting Notes

A classic expression of Kadarka: spicy and aromatic on the nose with notes of rosehip and cherry. Light-bodied on the palate with silky texture, delicate fruit, and an elegant, distinctive character. A charming, expressive red that reflects its heritage and terroir.

Pronunciations:

Márkvárt: "MAHRK-vahrt"

Kadarka: "Kah-dahr-kah"

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Kadarka typically produces light- to medium-bodied wines with vibrant acidity, soft tannins, and a distinctive aromatic profile. Its flavors often include red berries (such as cherry and raspberry), rosehip, floral notes, and a signature spicy character. Though it is sensitive to frost and disease, careful vineyard management allows it to thrive, especially on loess soils.

Wines made from Kadarka are appreciated for their elegance, freshness, and food-friendly nature, making them a favorite among those seeking lighter, more nuanced red wines.