## **SANTA LUCIA NOIR 2016**



Grape variety: Merlot 50%,

Cabernet Sauvignon 30%, Teran 20%

Category: dry red wines

Wine-growing area: West Istria, Croatia Vineyard: single vineyard Santa Lucia

Age of vineyard: 11 - 13 years Altitude of vineyard: 240 m Vineyard orientation: southwest Soil composition: flysch, limestone, clay

Harvested: by hand

Vinification: manual grape selection of Merlot, Cabernet

Sauvignon and Teran. Maceration 20-40 days. Aging: barrique 18 months, inox 6 months. Final

maturation in bottle

Alcohol by volume: 14,5 %vol

Total acidity: 5,7 g/l

Unfermented sugar: 3,3 g/l Bottle size: 0,75l+1,5l Serving temperature: 18 °C

## **Tasting note**

Santa Lucia Noir is cuvee produced from local grape Teran and international Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, grapes growing in our Santa Lucia single vineyard.

The colour is opaque ruby red. Developing nicely on the nose, opening with the blend of meaty, oaky notes with hint of black cherries, black plums, and hints of leather. Refined freshness.

Dry on the palate with velvety texture and supple tannins. Lush freshness of Teran is a good backbone to Merlot bringing softness and full body. Some coffee and wet leaves notes add to the complexity of taste. In short, palate speaks in elegant and fine tone of Istrian red blend

The finish is long and inviting.

## **Food matching**

No brainer with steaks, game and matured hard cheeses.

## **Ageing potential**

Time will do it good, thus ageing potential is for sure till 2033.