

## ŠUMADIJA-VELIKA MORAVA (ŠUMADIJSKO–VELIKOMORAVSKI WINE-GROWING REGION)

This region is bordered by the Danube River on the north and included all Velika Morava river basin and Šumadija administrative region. The vineyards mostly occupy south and southeast exposures. The climate records regular fluctuations. The dominant soils include smonitza (vertisol), eutric cambisol, parapodsol, and other types of soil in Šumadija and eutric cambisol and smonitza in the Danube region.

The favorable climate, the texture and configuration of soil, and exceptionally favorable viticultural factors provided excellent conditions in Šumadija for growing the Prokupac and Vranac autochthonous varieties and the old Smederevka variety. Prokupac yields exceptionally good wines. Blended with top varieties, they resemble French wines.

Smederevka is the leading variety in vineyards near of Danube river, grown here from the time immemorial. It got its name by the town in whose vineyards it is largely grown. The wines obtained from Smederevka are pleasant and energizing, and are even better when blended with high-quality Riesling, Semillon, and Pinot Blanc. Apart from Smederevka, the area produces other noteworthy wines, such as those obtained from Italian Riesling, Sauvignon, Semillon and Traminer. The quality red varieties include Gamay and Ružica types that are obtained from the Prokupac variety.

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