RHESUS
THRACIAN VALLEY WINE

THRACIAN VALLEY WINE, PGI THRACIAN VALLEY, BULGARIA

MAVRUD

the ancient vine

The Ancient Vine. The Unyielding Soul.

Crafted from Bulgaria's most prized indigenous grape, Mavrud, RHESUS is a wine of profound character and rare provenance. Born in the Thracian Valley soils that have nurtured this variety for over a millennium, it delivers power, elegance, and a story unlike any other in the world of fine wine.

Mavrud is a classic indigenous Bulgarian variety typical of the central Thracian region. Late ripening and richly structured, it is especially suited to extended oak aging and produces a distinctive, non-replicable terroir profile.



VINTAGE **2022** ALCOHOL **14.0% VOL.** BOTTLE **750 ML**

THE GRAPE
Mavrud
Bulgaria's noble indigenous variety

ORIGIN
Thracian Valley
Southern Bulgaria / PGI Thracian Valley

CHARACTER
Bold / Complex / Ageworthy
Full-bodied / rich texture / dark fruit

VINTAGE
2022
Deep ruby / structured / cellar-worthy

TASTING NOTES
in the glass

Deep ruby with violet reflections. The nose opens with ripe blackberries and plums, layered with aromatic spices and a whisper of dried fruit. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied with a rich, complex character, pleasantly firm acidity, and a soft, velvety texture. The finish is long, structured, and deeply satisfying: a wine of rare authenticity and age-worthy depth.

AT THE TABLE
food pairing

- Grilled meats
- Roasted lamb
- Braised duck
- Aged cheeses
- Earthy mushroom dishes

SERVICE

Decant 45 minutes before serving.



RHESUS MAVRUD 2022

OENOLOGICAL & TECHNICAL
portfolio

TECHNICAL DATA

Grape variety	Mavrud 100%, indigenous Bulgarian
Appellation	PGI Thracian Valley, Bulgaria
Vintage	2022
Alcohol	14.0% Vol.
Total dry extract	27.9 g/L
Reducing sugars	3.2 g/L
Soil	Forest sands and clay
Climate	Moderate continental
Harvest	Manually selected grapes
Bottle size	750 mL
Case pack	6 bottles
Cases produced	6,700
Peak drinking window	2025-2032
Service	Decant 45 minutes before serving

THE LEGEND

The Mavrud grape takes its name from the Greek word mavros, meaning black, a testament to the deep, inky soul of this variety. According to Bulgarian folklore, during the reign of Khan Krum, a brave mother secretly preserved the vine and made wine for her son Mavrud. His strength impressed the Khan and led to the restoration of Bulgaria's vineyards.

RHESUS, the name of a legendary Thracian king immortalized in Homer's Iliad, embodies this spirit of defiance, wisdom, and legacy.

FARMED WITH PURPOSE

Sustainable viticulture / biodynamic farming / hand-harvested fruit

RHESUS Mavrud is produced under strict sustainable farming principles and biodynamic viticulture practices. No synthetic pesticides or herbicides are used in the vineyard. Farming follows lunar and biodynamic calendars, respecting the living ecosystem of the Thracian Valley. Every cluster is hand-harvested at peak ripeness to preserve the authentic character of Bulgaria's most revered indigenous grape.

CELLAR POTENTIAL

TODAY

2025 — 2032

Peak drinking window: 2025–2032.

During this period Mavrud shows its most immediate charm: ripe dark fruit, lifted floral notes, and supple tannins that balance freshness with early complexity. Bottles in the early part of the window will be more fruit-forward; those tasted toward the middle will display integrated oak and emerging tertiary layers.

Excellent aging potential.

With proper cellaring Mavrud will develop gracefully for 8-12+ years. Over time primary black-fruit aromas evolve into dried cherry, leather, and savory spice; tannins soften and gain silkiness while acidity preserves structure. By years 7-12 expect complex tertiary notes of tobacco, forest floor, and cured meat alongside lingering mineral undertones.

56 ha	30 yrs	1996	48 hl/ha
ESTATE VINEYARD	AVERAGE VINE AGE	FAMILY ESTABLISHED	AVERAGE YIELD

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Estate wine from Bulgaria's Thracian Valley. Family established and operated since 1996.

FORMAT

750 mL Standard, 6 bottles per case

WINE PROFILE

Red wine / PGI Thracian Valley / Mavrud 100%

DISTRIBUTION

Exclusive US importer
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Available in all 50 states

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