

VELIS VINEYARDS





FOR THE LOVE OF WINE



UNIQUENESS



A SPECIAL PROJECT

For the love of wine and nature, we started to recultivate very old vineyards which looked more like a jungle in the Upper Thracian valley in 2010. Three years later we planted 8 hectares of French varieties and in the following years another 28 hectares.

In Germany we cultivate Riesling, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir fitting perfect to the climate in the southwest of Germany.

The vinification takes place in our highly modern wineries in Karabunar **(BG)** and Flörsheim-Dalsheim **(DE)**.



HOW EVERYTHING BEGAN

The Founding of
Velis Vineyards

2009

Clearing and
Soil Preparation

2011

Creation of the
First Vintage

2014

Opening of the
German Winery

2017

Opening of the
New Wine Cellar (DE)

2020

2021

Acquisition of Areas

First Vine Plantings

Entry into the Market
and the First Awards

Opening of the Winery
“Villa Velis” in Karabunar (BG)

Acquisition of Vineyards (DE)

Opening of our new
Vinotheque



ORIGINS



GRAPE VARIETIES

Cabernet Sauvignon
Cabernet Franc
Chardonnay
Merlot
Petit Verdot
Pinot Noir
Sauvignon Blanc
Syrah
Riesling

WINE

The winery built in 2017 in Flörsheim-Dalsheim (**DE**) and the winery „Villa Velis“ in Karabunar (**BG**) are both equipped with the highest technical standards following our approach of a sustainable and environmentally friendly vinification.

GRAPES

The vineyards are in **BULGARIA** in the Upper Thracian lowlands and benefit from the warm, continental climate there.

Riesling, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are grown in Flörsheim-Dalsheim (**DE**).



IN THE VINEYARD



WORKING WITH NATURE

Great wines have their origin in the vineyards, means that in the winery we can only preserve what nature has given us during the year.
That's why we treat our vineyards with great care.

In several steps we reduce our yields to 2,500 up to 5,000 Liter per hectare in order to concentrate the power of the vine to the best grapes.

The harvest begins usually at dawn in order to benefit from low temperatures. All red grapes are picked by hand and the boxes are put straight into the refrigerated truck where the grapes are cooled down to 5 °C.
Thus ensuring that the grapes arrive in perfect condition.



IN THE WINE CELLAR



VINIFICATION & MATURATION

Upon arrival a selection of the grapes is manually done in various steps. Our Mash tanks have integrated internal plungers as well as an internal circuit for making Remontage and all of them are temperature controlled. With the experience of our cellar masters Clemens Engel and Klaus Scherner the potential of each Vintage is brought to life.

The vinification of our wines follows rather old traditions. After fermentation the wines stay in French Barriques as well as in stainless steel tanks for minimum 12 – 15 months. After filling in the bottle, we allow our Reservas to age another 2 – 3 years in the bottle before they are finally approved for the market. Our Reservas have an aging potential of at least 15 – 20 years.

Thanks to our new wineries, which boasts the latest technology and were opened in 2017 (DE) and 2019 (BG), it is possible to almost completely dispense with pumps.



RESERVAS

SYRAH

In the Velis Vineyards, Syrah is developed as a monovarietal Reserva. The aromas of forest berries and spicy peppery notes are brought out during vinification. With the ageing in French wooden barrels, full-bodied wines are created with soft tannins and very balanced aromas. Before being sold, the wines are given at least 12 months to mature on the bottle.

The expertise for all the vintages are available at www.velis-vineyards.com



2014 Vintage

falstaff

91 points



Silver at the International Wine Challenge

2016 Vintage



Silver Medal from MUNDUS VINI



CUVÉE

Our Cuvée is always a Bordeaux blend. We individually determine the proportions of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, depending on the vintage. The focus is on producing harmonious full-bodied, yet elegant, wines. Our Reservas are aged for a minimum of 12 months in French barriques and, thereafter, they mature for a further 12 months on the bottle. The wines have a great storage potential.

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2014 Vintage

falstaff
90 points



Silver Medal
from the Concours
Mondial Bruxelles

2016 Vintage



falstaff
92+ points



Gold Medal
from MUNDUS VINI

PETIT VERDOT

A monovarietal Petit Verdot – A true rarity! The Bulgarian sunshine indulges the grapes which ripen at the Velis Vineyards every year. Particularly concentrated wines are produced from the small-berried and thick-skinned grapes which we age in French barriques. Only a few bottles of this exceptional wine, which has a great storage potential, are produced each year.

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2014 Vintage

falstaff
92 points



Recommended
by the International
Wine Challenge





HEAVEN'S DOOR



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BLUE LABEL

At Velis Vineyards, Heaven's Door is synonymous with wines which are fun to drink and flow well! The Heaven's Door wines are cuvées, whose proportions of particular grape varieties can vary from year to year, in order to produce a particularly harmonious wine adapted to the climate of the vintage. The special* feature of the pale blue label? In this case, the wine is produced in Bulgaria and not in the German wine cellars!

*Made in Bulgaria
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BLACK LABEL

From Velis Vineyard's portfolio comes Heaven's Door with a black label, which is also a red wine cuvée whose proportions of particular grape varieties vary according to the vintage. Fruity, full-bodied and a good drinking flow are the main features of this wine made from Bulgarian grapes, which is vinified in the German Velis Vineyards wine cellars. Ageing takes place in stainless steel tanks.

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HEAVEN'S DOOR

2016 Vintage



ROSÉ

Heaven's Door Rosé conjures fruitiness and spice into your glass. Raspberry and strawberry notes are accompanied by tart, herbal ones. This fresh wine ensures great drinking pleasure! The wine is produced using cool fermentation to preserve the fruit aromas. Ageing takes place in stainless steel tanks in the German wine cellars.

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HEAVEN'S DOOR

2017 Vintage





WHITE WINES

RIESLING

Typical of Riesling, the emphasis is on fruity aromas like apricot, peach, yellow apple and lychee. After the initial fruity flavors, you will recognize more subtle floral flavors of acacia and lavender. The discreet sweetness and the moderate acidity ensure a well-balanced mouthfeel. The grapes for this wine were harvested at night so that the berries would be as cold as possible while pressing.

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CHARDONNAY

Fruity flavor like yellow apple, yellow plum, melon and passion-fruit dominate the bouquet of our Chardonnay. The light aroma of lime and the most subtle hints of licorice complement the slowly developing flavors of roses. On the palate the wine presents itself with a pleasant acidity and a light creaminess.

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Here you can find impressive drone photos of our vineyards in **Bulgaria**.



Enjoy a **virtual tour** through our winery in **Flörsheim-Dalsheim (DE)**.



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