PIVNICA ČAJKOV

Wines from under the Sitno Volcano
Landscape of traditions and contrasts on the northern border of Central Europe

Princess 2025 | Pesecká Leánka | White

Alice in Wonderland's breakfast wine



Making wine like Princess to be *truly good* is no small feat: it's an everyday kind of wine that is easy to drink and enjoy, yet also gracious, full of personality and expressive of the place where it comes from. This is a fine line to walk for a winemaker: if one doesn't give such wine the attention it deserves, the result is usually just drinking water whose flavour disappears before you even swallow; but if you're too heavy-handed in the cellar, you get a monster – as if I was prancing around in my daughters' princess dresses, lol.

Pesecká Leánka aka Fetească regală is a great partner for this game. It's the true spirit animal (grape) of our region, a delicious yet reliable companion ready to make your day brighter. In this "morning version", we use Leánka from our beloved Stará Hora plot, where the soil is perfect for a lighter wine. We treat its delicate grapes to gentle skin contact and short undisturbed rest on lees, resulting in an extra fresh white with a light bubbly lift. A graceful little rascal that can be all dainty while already secretly giggling about her next mischief. Take a sip and you're in on the joke with her, too...

Vineyard: Stará Hora (the southern part with a thicker layer of fertile topsoil), Čajkov
Total surface: 2 Ha | **Altitude**: 200m ASL | **Aspect**: South | **Farming**: certified organic
Soil: Red rhyolite (crystallised magma), tuff and erosion-born topsoil
Year planted: 2009 | **Density of plantation**: 5500 vines/ha | **Rootstock**: T5C
Trellising system: Vertical Shoot Positioned, single Guyot pruning | **Yield**: approx. 1,8 kg/plant

Harvest & Winemaking

Harvested by hand into small crates (18-20 kg) in order to keep the grapes as intact as possible. 2025 was a sunny yet colder vintage, compared to the scorching-hot 2024, so the grapes were ripening gradually and we did 3 different picks between end of August and beginning of September.

The grapes were gently destemmed and crushed. The free-run juice and light-press juice are then moved into stainless steel tanks where the wine ferments on its fine lees. No manipulation, racking, nor batonnage in order to preserve the wine's freshness and natural CO_2 that emphasises Leanka's fruit and liveliness, until its bottling in February 2026. Unfined, unfiltered, no additives except for 15 ppm of sulphur at bottling. 11% ABV

Aromas, Flavours & Indulgent Pairings

Princess is the embodiment of my belief that even easy-drinking, "breakfast style" wines shouldn't be basic, but rather show the region's DNA, albeit in a light-headed way. Charmingly fruity (white peaches, pears, quince) in both aroma and flavour, with a beautiful mineral finish, fun light fizz and juicy acidity.
Vibrant as usual, drinking it on its own is incredibly easy. I love to serve it with zucchini rolls with fresh cheese (our traditional brynza if you want it truly local) and the traditional "grilled fish, poultry and light veggie dishes or salads" pairing suggestion works great as well.

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