

# **Poland: Podkarpacie Region Pioneers**

## **Contemporary Winemaking**

In Poland, the modern-day winemaking is still in the process of taking shape. However, Podkarpacie wine region (or Subcarpathia), part of the Visegrad Wine Route, is one of the largest as well as fastest developing areas in the whole of the country.

Whereas Poland is just beginning to establish new traditions of winemaking, Podkarpacie region is pioneering the change by setting up several wineries without any compromise on the quality of the wine that is being produced. The wine made in Subcarpathia is not only famous within the confines of the region; it is recognized outside Poland as well.



This will definitely support the ambitious plan to develop as well as promote the region which has already been recognized by the connoisseurs of wine. The highly valued wine from this high profile region has already bagged medals and trophies at wine competitions of international level.

Vineyards attract a number of tourists who are looking for amazing offers, especially if they have some regional uniqueness and are open to innovations. Wine enthusiasts love the Subcarpathian wine because the people who invest heavily in making this wine do it with a lot of passion. This is because their conviction that it is worth the effort is very strong.

As one of its kind, mysterious and tempting (because of the cultural and natural diversity of the Podkarpacie region), the Subcarpathian wine is being rediscovered by innumerable tourists who throng the place to indulge in exclusive adventures.



The rebirth of the modern-day winemaking started in Podkarpacie and is currently gaining a lot of momentum. No other region in Poland can take away Podkarpacie's status as the pioneer of modern-

day winemaking, even if these regions strive to grow faster in the future. This is because the first professional vineyard in Poland was founded in 1984 by the Subcarpathian Roman Myśliwiec.

Secondly, the local government in Podkarpacie was the first to recognize the potential for development of wine across the country. They have been supporting this cause for several years now with a view to not only promote, but also to develop the region. None of the winemakers from other regions in Poland can boast of this kind of support.



Finally, Podkarpacie region in Poland has already established itself as the center for wine education. The Association of the Subcarpathian Winemakers is playing a key role in this regard. Over the course of 10 years, as many as 150 wineries have been set up. Moreover, new wineries are still being formed. The total area occupied by wineries is estimated to be 100 hectares with the average size of a wine farm in Podkarpacie region being 20 to 30 ares. Of course, there are large plantations of 2 to 3 hectares in Podkarpacie as well. The resistant varieties that have been found to be suitable for the local climate and making good quality wine include Seyval Blanc, Hibernal, Jutrzenka, Bianca and Johanniter for white wine and Rondo, Marechal Foch, Regent and Leon Millot for red wine.

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