



CRACKING CROATIAN WINE

A VISITOR-FRIENDLY GUIDE

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Sladić Lasina



Variety: Lasina

Located in Plastovo, Sladić's family-run cellar is in the same village as Bibich Winery. It is also right next to Krka National Park — one of Croatia's tourism poster children. Ante Sladić and his family are working with the indigenous varieties Debit, Lasina, Maraština/Rukatac, and Plavina.

Lasina is sometimes referred to as the Dalmatian Pinot Noir, but the only commonalities we see is the red fruit flavors, lightness and clarity in color, and light to medium body. Nonetheless, this is a variety that holds great potential waiting to be unlocked. The Sladić Lasina brings forth a style of wine that Dalmatia needs more of: light and delicious. It has vivacious flavors of red fruit with a hint of Mediterranean herb and a spicy finish. Drinkability is the key here, and Sladić Lasina excels in this arena.

Please note that Sladić Vina is not the same as Sladić Marko Vina.

Vinoplod Babić Sur Lie



Variety: Babić

Vinoplod is a large production that offers inexpensive, quaffable wine available all around the country. That said, they are also making some serious wine.

This is one of the few producers that make Babić varietal wines. The Vinoplod Babić comes in a few offerings: an entry-level kvalitetno, a premium-level vrhunsko, and this reserve version. The Babić Sur Lie wine comes in a 0.5-liter bottle. The flavor profile is similar to Vrhunsko Babić, but the mouthfeel is significantly rounder and richer.

