

Budureasca Winery

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Founded: 2007

AOC: Dealu Mare

Area: 275 ha

Located in **Southern Romania's Dealu Mare DOC** region, Budureasca Winery, covers an area of **275 hectares (680 acres)**, being one of the largest producers from the **Dealu Mare Vineyard**.



With a futuristic architecture and lots of investments in production technology, Budureasca is one of the most modern wineries in Romania.. It's wines are well-balanced, pleasant and expressive , due to the magnificent terroir of Dealu Mare Region, Budureasca is a natural choice

for all types of public, from connoisseurs to young adults who are on the start of their wine experiences.

Budureasca Winery is known as a reference for comparison among Romanian wines, the brand is historically renowned as an homage to the traditions, legends, and terroir.

History



Right in the heart of Dealu Mare Wine Region, in a oasis of silence rise up the sunny hills of Budureasca winery. It is an ancient land with strong roots in the history of wine making as archeological proof suggest

Between the rivers Teleajen and Buzau the area is filled up with hills and valleys – a scenery so specific to Romania. Budureasca hills having a South orientation is ideal for vine cultures.

The altitude of the hills varies between 175m and 400m. Meteorological conditions are ideal mostly fo black grapes varieties yet the white ones are best fit for producing fruity and aromatic wines.

One of the newest Vineyards in Dealu Mare Region, Crama Budureasca was built in 2013

Visiting sights.

The closest large city in the proximity of the vineyard is Buzău.

Located in the south-east of Romania, Buzau County is enjoying a diverse and picturesque landscape, with sun burned plains to the east and wild mountains to the west. Buzau's fame



comes from its wine and vineyards. Most of the county consists of hills with a sandy ground, a landscape that proved perfect for the growth of grapes and made the vineyards here famous all over Romania and even abroad. Buzau's wines won many awards at international wine competitions. Apart from the vineyards, there are also many rupestrian churches and monasteries in the area and some interesting natural phenomena such as the "mud volcanoes" and the "living fires". Continuing higher into the Vrancea and Buzau mountains one can enjoy some great hiking.

The county capital, Buzau City, was first mentioned in an official document in 1431, which stated that salesmen from Brasov were free to trade in several Wallachian towns. In the beginning Buzau City was a market town, laying at the junction of important trade routes linking Wallachia, Moldova and Transylvania. One reason to visit Buzau City would be to see the traditional fair called "Dragaica", which was first mentioned in the 1400's and is still being held today during summer on the last Sunday in June. The fair marks the once widespread custom of celebrating the moment when the wheat becomes ripe for harvest. Young girls sing and dance through the fields wearing crowns of flowers. Nowadays Buzau is an industrial and heavily modernized city but it still contains some interesting buildings like the town hall and the streets around the station and the market.



Buzau county is not on the classical tourist route although the area has beautiful landscapes and many things to see. For this reason tourism is not very well developed and sometimes it may be hard to get around. However, that also means that the county conserved its natural state. People visiting Buzau can enjoy unspoiled rustic places, traditional food, activities and way of living.



Winemaker - Stephen Donnelly

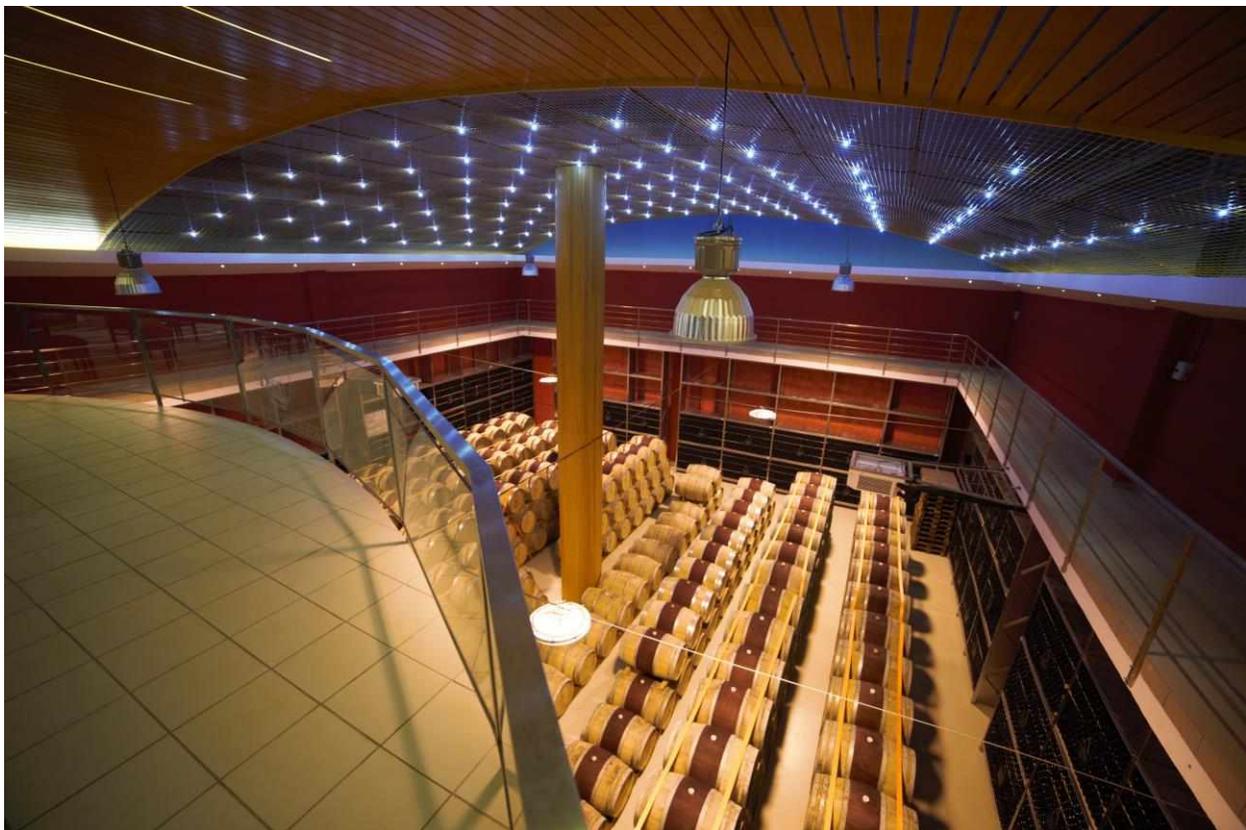
Born and bred in the North East of England but now living in France, I started my wine career in California working for Ric Foreman (95 points from Robert Parker) and Charles F. Shaw. Here I made Bordeaux style Cabernet Sauvignon, Burgundy style Chardonnay and the only

Californian "Beaujolais Nouveau".

In 1989 I was head hunted to go back to the UK and work at Lamberhurst Vineyards, Kent which at the time was the largest winery in England. This was from one extreme to another from having fruits with a potential alcohol of 14 to 15% in California to 8 to 9% in England. During my time at Lamberhurst I made sparkling wine (traditional method), fruit liqueurs, the first English brandy and was the first person to win an international award for an English red wine. I won the Gore-Browne Trophy twice and the Charles Laughton Trophy for Huxelrebe judged by Jilly Golden.

6 years later I was asked to join the Hanwood Group Ltd to work as chief winemaker in Hungary and Romania. I was responsible for 4 wineries in Hungary and 2 wineries in Romania with assistant winemakers from France. Even though both countries were from Eastern Europe, they both had different challenges. Hungary having unripe fruit and Romania having antiquated and dirty wineries. I set up strict hygiene and quality control procedures. All the wine was sold to major supermarkets in the UK and won international and internal awards.

In 1999 a joint venture was set up with Wine Corp in South Africa to produce premium Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon in a winery called Watergang in Stellenbosch. During this time my skills were put to full use producing wines for Wine Corp. One of these wines, a Chenin Blanc, went on to win "The Best Chenin in the World".



At the end of 1999 Hanwood decided to build its own winery in the Dealu Mare region of Romania, The Carpathian Winery, completed in 2000. "I personally designed and supervised the construction of the winery which is capable of producing 850,000 litres of premium white and red wine. I managed the winery (which was no easy task), made and sold internationally awarded wines, set up all quality controls including HACCP and in 2007 sold the winery for a profit! Our flagship wines were Pinot Noir and Merlot.

During this time I also audited wineries and bottling facilities for UK supermarkets and wine importers.

The new owners are all Romanian and so changed the name to Budureasca which gets its name from the ancient archaeological sites of the area.

I continue with my philosophy that "There are no compromises when it comes to quality".

Grape Varieties: Fetească Regală, Fetească Albă, Tămâioasă Românească, Chardonnay, Rhine Riesling, Italian Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris, Muscat Ottonel, Busuioacă of Bohotin, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Fetească Neagră.



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