

Petro Vasselo Winery

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Founded: 2002

Region: Banat

DOC: Recas

Area: 42 Ha

Founded in 2002, Petro Vaselo Winery is located in the **Western Romania** and is classified as part of **Recas DOC**.

Petro Vasselo Winery proudly takes the name of the village, very close to Timisoara, where it owns **42 hectares** of vineyard.

The company has a total area of 172 ha, almost all facing South, from which 42 planted with vineyards.

Hills are arranged like an amphitheater, creating a microclimate in which the weather conditions make particularly favorable the development of viticulture.

The soil is predominantly clayey and in few well defined small areas there are calcareous veins.

The height varies from 170 to 220 m above sea level.

Our main focus is to obtain the highest possible quality grapes, and yet to respect the environment.



The production technology is very “friendly” with both the vines and the wine. At **Petro Vaselo’s** they use **sustainable methods** and processes including composting, green manure and gravitationally assisted procedures in order to minimize the mechanical work, and during fermentation oxygen contact is avoided completely, to limit the amount of sulfites.

The history

The first clues indicate that originally four Serbian families settled here:

Petru (Peter) with his two daughters

Branco with three sons and a daughter

Radoita with a son and four daughters

Andrei (Andrew) with five sons and two daughters.

The place where they first set up was Gornie Seliste, which means “the big settlement”, and is the place where the winery stands today. They lived here for some years but when their families and their herds of sheep grew, they had to move to a larger area. As a consequence,

Petru and Andrei moved to a place, today named Izvarcita, 8 km northwest of the present-day village.

Petru then moved again to a better place, near a spring, which is the Petrovaselo of today. This also explains the name of the village: Petrovo Selo – “the village of Petru” – which was mentioned for the first time in 1477.

It is not possible to establish a precise date when Petrovaselo was founded, but an old document was found, written in Latin, that proves the existence of a small village in this area, named Horuathpeturfalua (“the village of Petru the Croatian”) since 1359.

Sightseeing

You cannot miss the city of Timisoara and its surroundings.

Romania’s third-largest city (after Bucharest and Cluj-Napoca) is also one of the country's most attractive urban areas, built around a series of beautifully restored public squares and lavish parks and gardens. It's known as Primul Oraş Liber (the First Free City), for it was here that anti-Ceauşescu protests first exceeded the Securitate’s capacity for violent suppression in 1989, eventually sending Ceauşescu and his wife to their deaths. With western Romania's nicest hotels and finest restaurants, it makes a perfect base for exploring the Banat region.

The 2021 European Capital of Culture - Timisoara!

With a population of around 320.000, Timisoara is the 3rd largest city in Romania located on the western part of the country, close to the Serbian and Hungarian border, and is a major cultural, commercial and business hub.

Timisoara, like many other Romanian cities, enjoys a unique and rich mix of cultural heritage, which helped the city secure its place as the European Capital of Culture in 2021. The city’s history was marked by numerous wars and take-overs from more than six ethnic groups, but today Timisoara is a multi-ethnic community that breathes diversity and acceptance. Besides the city’s Romanian population, you will also notice a lot of Serbians, Hungarians, Gypsies, Arabs, Germans and Italians as well as plenty of students coming from an increasing number of foreign countries looking to obtain IT and medicine degrees from Timisoara’s universities.

Easy Walking & Sightseeing in Timisoara

With such a diversified historic background you can expect an equally rich architectural mix of Baroque, Art-Nouveau, Neoclassical and, of course, communist-inspired buildings. The entire historical city centre of Timisoara is full of attractions and beautiful too, as it has recently undergone an extensive restoration process using EU funds to preserve its original architecture.

Timisoara's main squares Union (Unirii), Freedom (Libertății) and Victory (Victoriei) await your visit together with a tremendous number of hungry pigeons.

You can take a quick tour of the city's main sights by starting at The Orthodox Cathedral in Victory Square and ending it in Union Square (here you can see a list of landmarks to visit), or take a longer tour through Timișoara's historic neighborhoods: Elisabetin, Fabric and Iosefin. While you're in Union Square, you might take a walk to the Theresia Bastion (one of the old gates of Timișoara fortress).

If you're low on time and budget, you can take tram 6 for a ride - ticket price is 0.3€. It is a regular tram route that goes in circles through 3 of Timișoara's historic neighborhoods: Cetate, Elisabetin and Fabric. If you're visiting Romania during summer time, you can start your tram route from the "700" market. While you're there, you should definitely taste our delicious local fresh fruits: cherries, strawberries, peaches, apples, grapes or plums – you'll rediscover a taste you can no longer find in Western European markets!

I also recommend taking a walk along the Bega riverside or through Timișoara's parks: Justice (Justiției) or Roses (Rozelor) which are very beautiful and always admired. One other special sight is Brück House, a four-level Art Nouveau building from 1910 beautifully restored in 2012. The original owner opened a pharmacy on the first floor and it's still there along with original furniture and equipment!

The best way to visit all the main attractions in Timisoara and learn about the city's history and Art Nouveau heritage is to go on a guided tour of the city with a passionate local:

If you're into looking at old stuff, try the Museum of Communist Consumer, which is basically an apartment full of items dating before the Romanian revolution in 1989 which will literally take you back in time – a must see! The museum has also an artsy-hippie bar with a yard that looks more like a jungle named Scârț - don't even bother to try pronouncing it!

For art lovers - visit the local Art Museum which is located in Union Square and have a coffee/beer at Aethernative Cafe. German-speakers can try one of the shows at the German State Theater.

Timisoara is also a good base to do some day trips in the fascinating region of Banat. The region itself has a unique history and cultural identity, and in some parts you can see how locals live as if in a time bubble, isolated from civilisation and modern life!

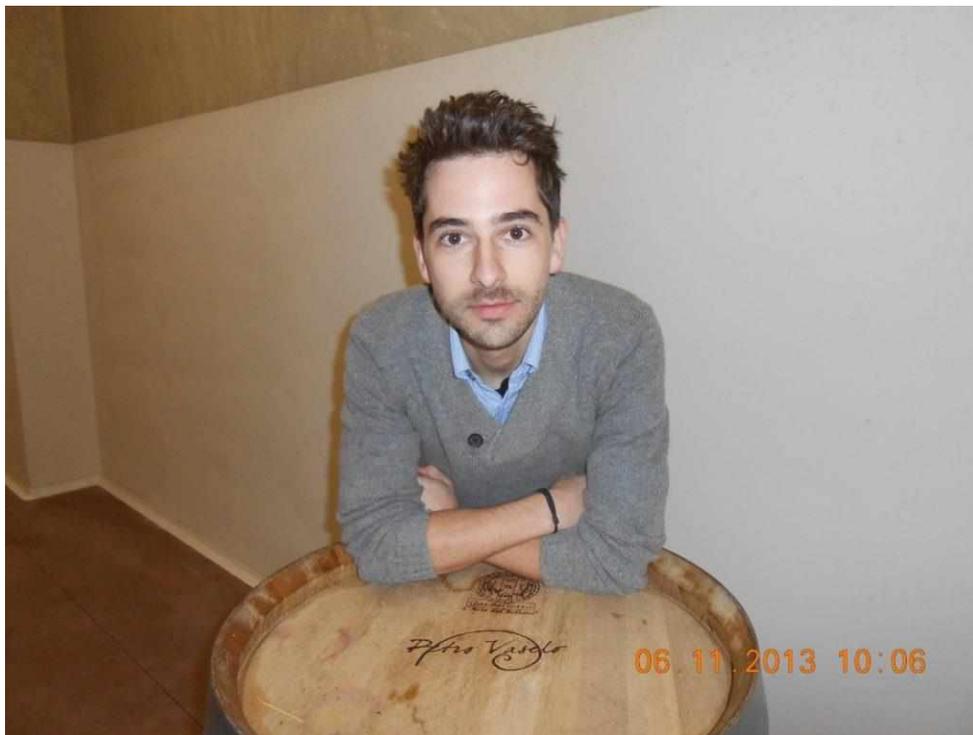
Nearby, the Danube River forms Romania's natural Southern border with Serbia. The Danube's winding path has created an area of superb beauty: the Danube Gorge. Here you can admire the rock sculpture of King Decebal the leader of our Dacian ancestors who settled these parts more than 2,000 years ago. Driving along the Danube riverfront is very scenic too, with plenty of places to stop, admire the view and enjoy fish dishes unique in Romanian cuisine!

Another major attractions that can be visited on a day trip from Timisoara is the famous Corvin Castle: a well-preserved Gothic-meets-Reinassance masterpiece that served as a defence citadel and home to Transylvania's rulers. Now it's considered to be one of Europe's best preserved medieval castles - and we think it's much more interesting than Bran Castle!

The Dacian ruins at Sarmisegetusza are also an interesting sight easily accessible from Timisoara. The Dacians created several defensive forts and citadels in the mountains to protect their settlements. While not much of them have remained today, they give a unique insight into life 2,000 years ago and thanks to this were included in UNESCO heritage.

Plenty of natural attractions around Timisoara too! Mountain lovers have plenty of destinations to choose from, the most challenging of which is Retezat National Park - read our guide about hiking in Romania. A more accessible attraction is Bigar Waterfall world-famous for its pristine beauty or Ochiul Beiului Lake (Devil's Eye) known for the unique and fascinating blue colour of its water.

Winemaker – Marco Feltrin



Born in Vittorio Veneto (Treviso Region, Italy) Marco Feltrin is the winemaker of Petro Vaselo Winery: a small winery house only 42 ha cultivated and a very new one also – created in 2011 – it makes high quality Romanian Wines and exports them to Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, USA, Canada, and some in Italy.

His roots are very modest: his mother is a nurse, and his father owns a small electronical parts company.

Marco will get inspired to winemaking by his grandfather – who used to produce his own homemade wine. The smell of it was biggest inspiration for actual Petro Vasello winemaker, Marco.



Grape Varieties: Riesling, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Fetească Neagră.



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