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PALAVA WELSCHRIESLING INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AT DECANTER MAGAZINE

GALA WINERY COUNTED AMONG THE WORLD'S BEST AT DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2017

The outstanding Czech family producer, Gala Winery, have received their first ground-breaking international award. The 2015 Gala Hermes Welschriesling was awarded 98 points at the 2017 Decanter World Wine Awards in London during the judging in May this year. This award will be sure to put both Czech Welschriesling and the Pálava sub-region on the map of world wine quality.

After 10 years of patiently cultivating the vineyard plots in both Bavory and Perná villages in the Mikulov sub-region of the Czech Republic, the hard work of the family and staff at Gala winery has paid off with this international success.

The Pálava sub-region has always been considered as the jewel in the crown of Czech viticulture, both for the quality of the wines that are produced on its hill-side slopes and for the spectacular beauty of the local landscape that is protected as part of the UNESCO heritage network.

The outstanding success demonstrated by this award is due to the unique terroir of the vineyards themselves. They overlap the villages of Bavory and Perná and are situated on steep south to south-west facing slopes at around 250 metres above sea level. This captures the maximum amount of sunlight and heat available in this part of the world which literally lies on the very edge of where fine wine can be made.

In addition, the soil provides the perfect foundation for quality grapegrowing. It consists of limestone and calcareous loess over a dry, stony subsoil. According to Jaromir Gala: *"For us, soil is the most important thing. It nourishes our vines, which in turn produce healthy grapes and result in wines of the highest quality."*

What does Gala's Welschriesling taste like? DWWA explains *"Elegant aromatics showing grapefruit rind, acacia, corn meal and sweet spice from well-handled oak. Really concentrated, balanced, citrusy and fresh. A great alternative to Chardonnay. Delicious!"*

Jaromír Gala along with his wife Alžběta are both surprised and gratified by this award. They say: *"We hope that this award will bring long-overdue international recognition to the wines from the Pálava region. We have always believed in the quality of the wines from this region and we are so happy to see this independently verified by a competition with the prestige of the Decanter World Wine Awards. Moreover, we are very happy that it was with Welschriesling that we won this award as this is the most typical grape variety for this region."*

Decanter World Wine Awards is the world's largest international wine competition, that was established by the prestigious Decanter magazine in 2004. In 2017 there were more than 17 200 samples from all over the world. The wines were evaluated by 219 top quality judges which included 65 Masters of Wine.

