

Symbols of Monor Region Strazsa Wine Order

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Greeting

In the name of Monor Region Strazsa Wine Order welcome everybody who is interested in our leaflet. Monor has got rich tradition of grape- and wine culture. After eliminating the Turkish in 1696, 90 families of the 106 resettled families had got grape plantation, producing 50-60 gallons wine a year. Today there are 965 wine cellars on Strazsa-hill. We established our Wine Order in the interest of renewing of this especially beautiful cellar village. Our main goal was to show beauty of the 187 m high Strazsa-hill in wide range and to popularize valuable wines, made here. We usually participate on shows, meetings and competitions of the Hungarian wine-makers' profession It's very important to encourage wine-makers of the region to produce high-quality wine. We want as many wine lovers as possible to taste our wines, made here, appreciated on high-level competitions. Our purpose is to develop wine tourism of Strazsa-hill and touristic and gastronomic style of Monor. During the years, past from establishment our Wine Order found its place/role on the events of our town, we take part on every important program of the towns of the region, often as





a supporter and an organizer. A part of our wines has got fresh, mellow smell. Wines of our wine-makers, shown on different competitions are elegant, good-structure drinks. We're proud of our members who make harmonic-content, fresh-tasted, right-mellow and aromatic, nice-smelled wines. Besides grapes we have produced since the beginning, in these days we plant also new type grapes, e.g. „chardonnay” or the very popular „cserszegi fűszeres (spicy)”. Our „kekfrankos” wines attract Visitors more and more. Our wine-makers' wines have got different special colours from deep purple to deep violet and others. In the field of production and sale of wines we still have a lot to do. Members of our Order find their role more and more in grape- and wine production, they're able to receive and serve visitors in a cultured, professional way. With our leaflet we'd like to call your kind attention to the history and rich knowledge of grape- and wine production of our town. At the same time we'd like to please to our visitors and our sons.



Janos Bodor – chief master

Full-right members of our Wine Order:

Ambrózi Pál	founder member	Kis-Pál Károly	founder member
Aranyi Sándor	founder member	Kiss Péter	wine guard
Berki István	founder member	Klenczner József	founder member
Berki Zita	wine guard	Kovács Benő	founder member
Bíró László	founder member	Kovács János	founder member
Bodor János	founder member	Kovács Pál	founder member
Bokros Lajos	founder member	Kugel György	wine guard
Csanádi Ferenc	founder member	Lukácsy György	founder member
Csuzi László	founder member	Mészáros Ferenc	founder member
Csuzi Lászlóné	founder member	Mészáros Károly	founder member
Csuzi Szabolcs	founder member	Nyeste László	founder member
Czeglédi György	founder member	Orlik Sándor	wine guard
Czeglédi Johanna	founder member	Pintér Mihály	wine guard (died)
Dr. Borsai József	founder member	Prokopecz János	founder member
Dr. Kiss György	founder member	Simon László	founder member
Dr. Varga János	founder member	Sintár András	wine guard
Fekete József	founder member	Takács Endre	founder member
Hanzelik Lajos	founder member	Tóth László	founder member
Horváth Ferenc	founder member	Varga Jenő	founder member
ifj. Lukácsy György	founder member	Zátrok Károly	founder member
Kaffka István	founder member	Local government of Bénye	
Karakas János	founder member	Local government of Kava	
		Local government of Gomba	



Introduction of Strazsa-hill

About Monor, under spell of wine



Monor town celebrated 600 year anniversary of its first written mention in 1998. The first know document, issued under reign of king Zsigmond in 1398 still mentions it as Monar, but 3 years later the border description made in 1401 names it on its present name, Monor. The first authentic map of Monor and its region was made upon a military survey, ordered by Maria-Terezia. The map, made in 1780 is a detailed document on which Alszog, Foszog, the calvinistic church and its region, grape and wood plantations can be read. The first Hungarian language geographical dictionary writes about Monor in 1799: "Monor is a Hungarian village, Pest county, landowner of it is the lord chapter of Eger, inhabitants are catholic, some are calvinistic...quite a lot wine is produced as well as grain."

The second military survey was done in 1861 with several details, names and places of several farms can be read, among others: Szel-farm, Bokros-farm, Lukacs-farm. Bajkai-farm, Monori, Madi and Tetei grape plantations. About Monor field town a monography of 1877 writes "Monor is a quite ambitious, good Hungarian field town. North part of the border region on the higher hills of Cserhat is loessal and loamy. 1/3 part of it is planted with grapes and 2/3 part is a field.. Names of grape hills are: Madi-, Lapos-, Strazsa-, Malom-, Forras hill-, and Volgykut-under. ... Grape plantation at border is cca. 220 hectares. Its wine belongs to the tastiest and the best wines of the region, moreover it makes money together with the sale of grapes.."

About the beginning of grape plantation

We suppose that grape plantation started from 1446 when catholic church council became the landowner of Monor. Grape- and wine culture of Eger effected planting of grapes upon inspiration of the Chapter. On the land of Eger Chapter in Monor, the local inhabitants planted and cared grapes. After eliminating the Turkish in 1696, 90 families of the 106 resettled families had got grape plantation, producing 50-60 gallons wine a year. The military map of 1780 shows also hillside, covered by grapes. Grape plantations started under Eger chapter are continuing in these days, too. The new plantations are done with use of Hungaricum grapes and fruits.



Strazsa-hill, under spell of wine cellars



The map of the second military survey in 1861 shows also cellars within grapes' areas on Strazsa-hill, in Teglagyari- (Brick factory) region, and on the Dog-hill. There were cellars also in the past, but on the old maps they were not shown but only grape yards. Stairs of wine cellars of Monor, built in loessal ground lead deep towards the wine storing places. A lot of cellars have still no brick support. Old rooms in front of cellar stairs were built from mud/clay with reed roof, some roof with wood slat. Cellars with stairs behind cellar rooms, standing side by side make a special „humpback” effect. Cellars of the cellar village are more or less uniform and they can be divided into six types.



On Strazsa-hill there is a small-village-size beautiful cellar village with grape yards, wine houses, cellars. At the beginning of the third millennium we're proud of our protected heritage, cellar village of Strazsa-hill.

About the hill-villages



The hill-village of Monor Strazsa-hill and Szaraz-hill and the hill-village of Gomba-Benye make a uniform country style. Towards Monorierdo on the lower hillside of Cserhat, on the sandy area on Szaraz-hill grapes were planted as well. Cordon-planted grape plantation of Monor Szaraz-hill meets and has common border with cordon-planted grape plantation of Gomba-Benye hill-village.

Story of Monor Region Strazsa Wine Order

Story of foundation

In February of 2000. in the building of Grammar and Vocational Secondary school of Monor 39 founder members established the 25th wine knight order of Hungary. Ceremonial initiation of the founder members was held in Calvinistic Church of Monor on 20 May 2000..

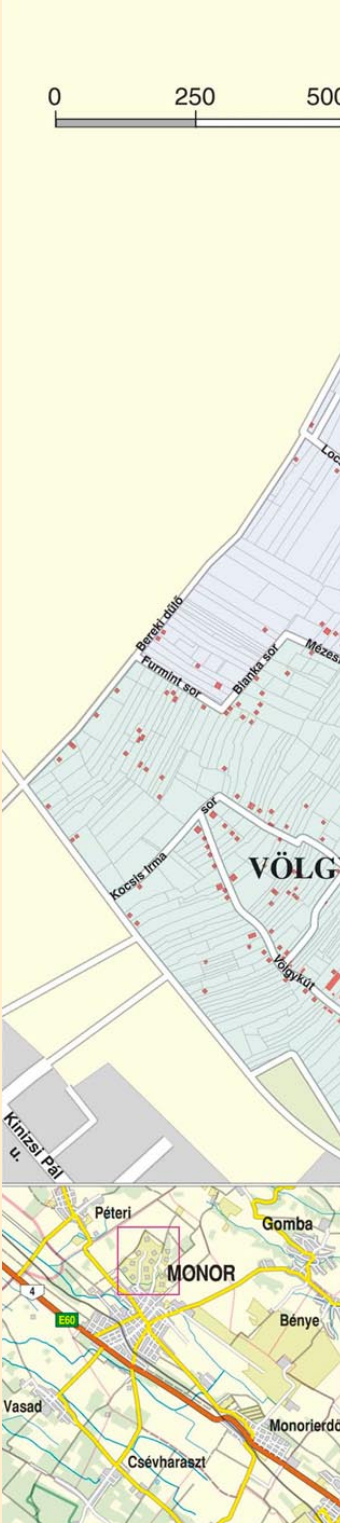


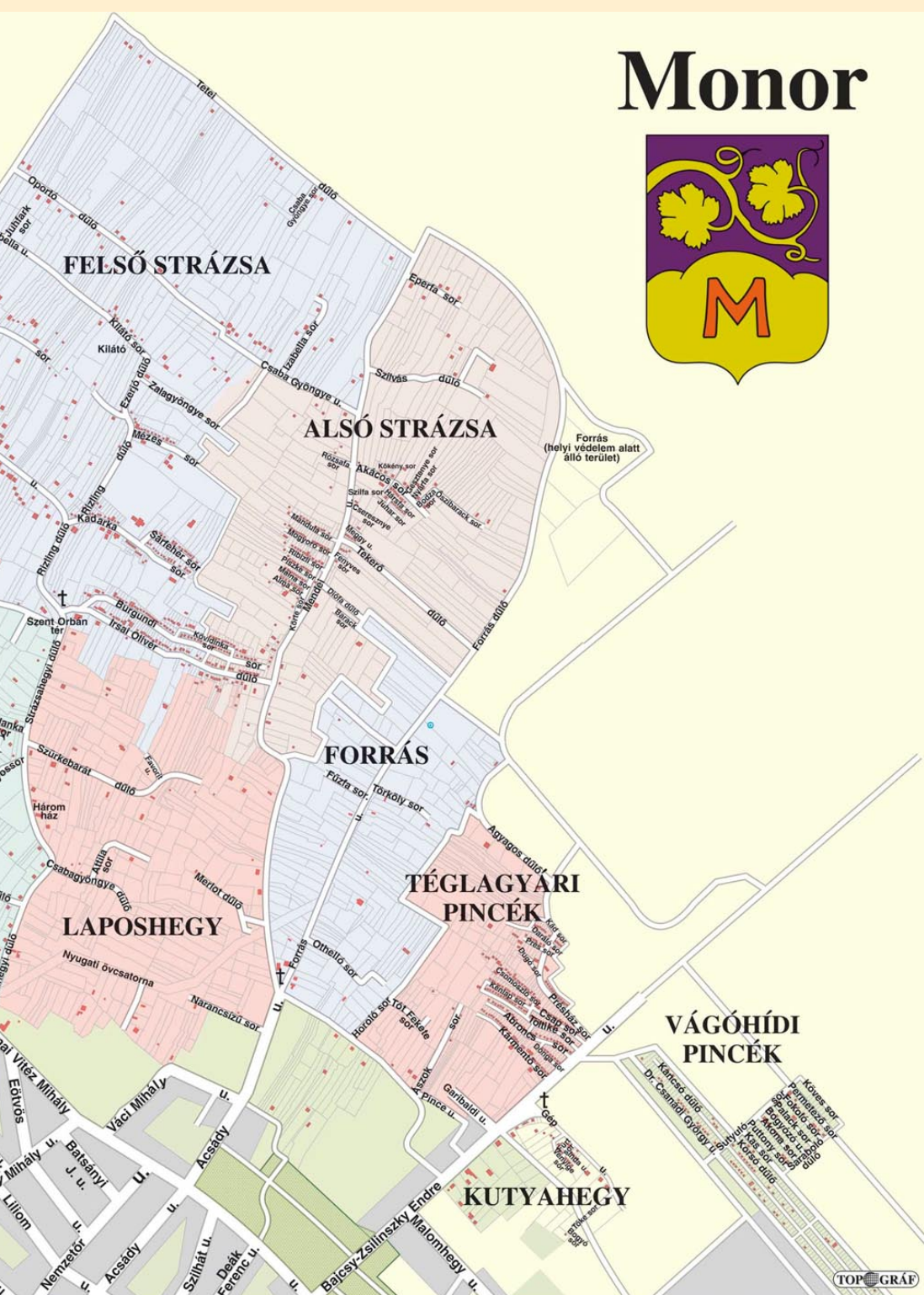
Purpose of foundation

In middle age there were already wine knight orders all over Europe, purpose of them was to cultivate traditions of wine regions as well as to exercise knights' moralities, faith, loyalism, temperateness. Goal of Strazsa Wine Order is to deal with protection of fame, type, origin of our wines, to popularize drinks of this region, to take care of traditions of grape producing, to encourage cultured wine drinking with organizing different events, to develop tourism, to create Strazsa-hill wine route. Although we can't compete with the lot of century traditions of historical wine regions, significant improvement of our wine quality and our cellar village we think, plans of the Wine Order can still be realized..



Map of Strazsa-hill





Our events

When we speak about Monor Region Strazsa Wine Order we should mention also the events our members organize and support.

Supporting Knight Banquet and Wine-makers' Ball



This is already the fourth year when in the middle of dance-season at the end of January, beginning of February the Wine Order offers a really high-level and big gastronomical program for the inhabitants of Monor. First of all delicious dishes and tasty wines play main roles at this night. Year to year 6-8 restaurants show their

culinar art as well as the members of the Wine Order offer to taste their best wines. After the banquet dancing follows, since no ball is without music and dance. Everybody may dance, music is provided by a live band every year. The event seems to be successful, because while 4 years ago only a smaller room was enough for participants, today it proved too small. As the name of the event shows it is a supporting program, income of which is used for Strazsa-hill Amateur Bicycle Race and for Strazsa-hill Amateur Cooking Feast.

Strazsa-hill Amateur Bicycle Race



This is a bicycle race, supported by incomes of Wine-makers' Ball, contributions of local enterprises and civil organizations as well as Giant Gyomro Bicycle Section. Nowadays it's an important and respected competition among bikers. Competition is held every year in May, simultaneously with

the Orban-day Feast, locality of which is certainly Strazsa-hill sides. So, the participants can spend nice time in a pleasant environment. They can compete in different categories, amateur, professional or as per their age, everybody can find the right lap for himself. It's a special pleasure for our Wine Order that every year also professional bikers register, and they share their ideas, openions with us, helping to improve the race year to year, to make it successful.

Strazsa-hill Amateur Cooking Feast

Although the Cooking Feast hasn't got tradition like Bicycle Race, but it's a very sympathetic initiation. It has got dual goals, first to offer dishes and wines for the visitors, coming to encourage bikers on the race, then to provide further programs on the area of the wine cellar village. Like on the bicycle race everybody can register also



on the Cooking Feast who would like to show his cooking knowledge for the visitors. Since it is not a competition but a feast for amateur cooks, the jury criticizes not upon professional aspects but upon ardour, dishing up and tastes together. Simultaneously with the Cooking Feast also Masters' Group of Monor organizes the traditional Orban-day program, which is a new colourful event in the life of Strazsa-hill, providing further amusing experiences for the visitors.

Marton-day new wine celebration



In November it is a Tradition all over Hungary to welcome Marton-day with banquet and feast.. It is celebrated also in Monor because an old phrase says “Who doesn’t drink new wine on Marton-day will be thirsty whole the year” Members of Strazsa Wine Order present their new wines on Marton-day event and considering a good

dinner is expected with wine tasting, public is invited to have a delicious goose dinner. Also on this event the new members can join. A high-level program helps to enjoy the event, local and invited tradition-keeper groups present dance and singing program.

Wine competition of Monor, upon invitation:



Hungarian wine, one of the greatest product of the land is the fruit of harmonic love of Hungarian land and Hungarian sunshine, which makes Hungary attractive and special for foreigners. Considering these ideas our Wine Order organizes Town Wine Competition – upon invitation – every year. Our purpose is to achive that wines of Monor can

be a known, respected part of Hungarian high-quality wines. Considering the more than a decade, during which our competition is held every year and our work during the past years we can state that our wines are well accepted within our wine region and beyond it, too. In the interest of the future our definite goal is to continue this gentle competition., to provide keeping traditions of grape- and wine production.

Plans of the future

While some decades ago the wine cellar village was the most popular – and maybe the only – possibility of entertainment of Monor inhabitants, today it has changed. Budapest is close, travelling became simpler, several new amusements can be reached for everybody. Accepting it we still think important to develop continuously touristical sights of Strazsa-hill, to keep our cellars' character, to develop wine culture. We do our best so that the wine cellar village doesn't become living place of people with socially disadvantageous circumstances but can remain a place for wine and wine production.

We do hope that our initiation of „Clean, neat cellar” - first announced in 2008 – will contribute to this.

It's very determinative for our future to keep cellars of Strazsa-hill clean and neat. Upon this idea our Wine Order started this movement. The title can be won in every year, owners of the winner cellars get their certifying board and document on the day of Orban-day Feast.



Our Wine Order knows and believes that Strazsa-hill with its grape plantations, cellars and aromatic wines represents important value. Acknowledging words of Hungarian and foreign visitors of the cellar village prove this fact. We do hope that we can reserve and with the help of wine tourism we can further develop pride of our town, the wine cellar of Strazsa-hill!

Grape collecting on Strazsa-hill

In October when collecting grapes
Sun is rising above Strazsa-hill
Collecting grapes in old way
Together neighbours, relatives

Border becomes active and bright
Baskets, dossers found again
Autumn comes by morning
Fieldguard shoots with his rifle

Workers stand in line
Putting grapes in basket
Carrier goes fast
Full buckets wait for him

Hands of workers don't stop
Carrier! – they shout, come!
He's busy and in a sweat but
There is a full jar close to him

Smoke is coming
A sheep's killed for lunch
Fire's made for cauldron
Cook's waiting for the meat

Grapevines are full of grapes
Master is happy with dance
Full baskets and buckets
Twisting his moustache cheerfully

Compliments to diligent master
Moreover to the great wine
Everybody collects a lot,
To have much wine next year, too!

Loud speak, joke, laugh
Time's passing, cook is quick
By noon-time belling
Workers are singing a lot

Then around smutty cauldron
Workers sit down all
Eating steamy gulasch
Talking with the master

Telling his childhood
Offering his good wine
Then...starting work again
Collecting grapes

Full of belly and tired waist
Talking fading a bit
Afternoon is short
Work is coming not over yet

End of grape collecting is close
They're thinking of the evening
If the last line is ready
They're groaning more and more

Picking up dessert grapes
Selecting by types
Yellow honey, red sasza
Visitor puts his basket full

Bottle is full of must
This is the sweet juice of the hill
Work of day is over now
Can go home with it

Charitable, happy master
Raises his glass to the day
Thanking for the hard work
Saying good night faintly

Then next to a lamp
Checking the harvest
Praying in silence
Thinking of Marton-day.

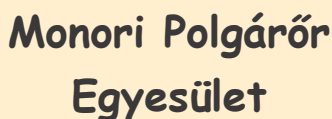
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Who helped us to reach our goals:

When editing this leaflet we'd like to mention the firms, civil organizations and inhabitants of Monor who believe in our work, contributing us financially and who are helpful very much. Thanks for the support! We're happy to show in our leaflet that people are ready to collaborate for a good goal.





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