

ÁDÁM BODOR FARM

Family farm with long tradition producing wine grapes and propagating material.

Identification details

Name: Ádám Bodor

Location: Csongrád-Csanád county, Csongrád, Hungary

Farm size: 27 ha

Year of foundation: 2012

Main activities: Viticulture (Grape growing), producing grape plants (propagating material of vine) for planting (bare root grapevines)

Web / Facebook / Twitter: any mean of presentation if exists

In 2012, Ádám Bodor took over the management of the family farm from his grandparents and parents. Ádám has been involved in the family farm since he was a child, so to speak, he grew up in farming. The main activity of the farm is viticulture and the production of propagating material. Grapes are produced on 25 hectares (blue grape varieties: Blue franc, Zweigelt, Cabernet sauvignon, Cabernet franc; white grape varieties: Bianca, Cserszeg spicy, Generosa) and 2 hectares of grape propagating material. In addition to the former, they keep 25 ewes and their offsprings and 2 Furioso North-Star mares.

Ádám Bodor is a 33-year-old qualified agricultural horticultural technician. Besides farming, Ádám also carries out active sports activities. He is the president of the Bodor Equestrian Sport Club, established in 2018, which, in cooperation with the Csongrád Town Municipality, rides children and plays an important role in promoting equestrian sports. In big horse double carriage, in CAN-C category, Ádám Bodor won the championship of Csongrád County in 2019 and 2020 as well.

About 90% of the grapes produced on the farm are sold to the Tizsakürt winery of the Tiszamenti Viticultural Cooperative based in Tizsakécske. From the remaining quantities, Ádám's brother (Bodor Martin Family Winery) produces wines (currently eight different - five red, two white and one rosé). The wine grapes have been harvested for two years by machine and grape harvester. The produced grape propagating material is sold to wine grape planters in the Csongrád wine region. In Csongrád-Csanád county, there are two active vine plantations that are producing propagating material, one of which belongs to the Bodor farm.

Ádám and the family farm he runs are currently affiliated with a cooperative, the Tiszamenti Viticulture Cooperative. Most of the wine grapes (90%) are sold to the cooperative. It used to be associated with other cooperatives and wineries, but these ceased to exist and no longer exist today. The biggest advantage of a relationship with a cooperative is safe and fair sales, which means that the transferred grapes are taken over by the cooperative and it also pays a higher price than other buyers. The cooperative also shares useful information with the farmer, which helps with planning and production organization.

Other collaborations include the relationship and cooperation with input suppliers, of which the plant protection companies with which the farm cooperates should be highlighted. As part of this, plant protection experiments are carried out on the farm every year, which also provides useful information and other benefits to the farm. Previously, there was a cooperation with the János Bartha Vocational High School in Szentes, when the farm was one of the practical training places of the school. It ended a few years ago.

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The investments made in recent years are related to viticulture. As part of this, a grape harvester was purchased this year (2021), and vineyards have also been planted continuously in recent years.

One of the uniqueness of the farm is the production of propagating material. In Csongrád-Csanád county, propagating material for vineyards is produced on two farms, one of which is *Ádám's* farm. In addition, the farm is one of the largest farm in the area with 25 hectares of vineyards, characterized by a high degree of mechanization.

Plans for the future:

- Future plans are heavily influenced by market uncertainties, but the challenges of climate change (lack of precipitation, warming up, new pathogens and pests, etc.) are also becoming more acute.
- An important goal is to continue farming and economic activity, including the expansion and modernization of the machinery, the renewal and replacement of the support system, new plantings and variety changes, taking into account market needs and management aspects.

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