

the story...

Fuelled by our passion for motorbikes and natural wines, we quit our day jobs in 2018 and embarked on a 6,000 mile motorbike journey across Europe to find winemakers who work with nature.

During this 56 day journey, we visited many vineyards and saw how natural wine is made. We tasted a lot of wine, and made many many good friends.

Welcome to STREETS, where the wines are specially handpicked by us.

black book...

This black book has been created to list some of the best wines we encountered during the journey.

Not that the other wines on our menu are not great, just that these are some of the wines we kept in the cellar for a few reasons: either a great vintage, a bit aged, or only a few left that we became a bit obsessed about and didn't sell. We were constantly asked by our friends and regular customers to create a black book of this secret stash, and here we are...

Have a look and order if you fancy any of these until they last

SLOVENIA

During our trip, we came across Slovenian wines. Little is known about this great winemaking country. Winemaking has been in the tradition for centuries, but since Slovenia was part of socialist regime of Yugoslavia, little is known about it. Commercially not able to sell until 1991, this country is highly underrated when it comes to wine making. One blessing in disguise is that being part of a socialist regime, farmers could not buy chemicals, pesticides or fertilisers for the farms/vineyards, which meant the vineyards are fully organic (did you know it takes upto 30 years to get the soil rid of any chemicals once used?)

BATIČ - Vipava Valley, Slovenia

A winery founded in the 16th century by monks, acquired by Batič family after the monks left. Using biodynamic methods, Batič have been making elegant wines using all natural methods.

ROSE / Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

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An exhilarating wine, with a sophisticated taste. A rich body, fruitiness, slightly sweet and a long aftertaste. Aromas of red and yellow fruit on the nose. An unforgettable taste, just like first love.

WHITE / Angel Belo 2018 - Pinela, Chardonnay, Malvasia, Rebula, Welschriesling, Zelen

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Winner of "Natural White Wine of The Year 2017" award. The blend of Angel changes every year. This vintage is complex, but super drinkable. Beautiful notes of white-fleshed fruit and peach. The wine is round and well balanced with finesse, youth and a long finish. Refined winemaking with a lot of style

ORANGE / Zaria 2019 - Pinela, Zelen, Rebula, Vitovska, Klamica, Rumeni Muskat, Chardonnay

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Zaria is a wine in perfect harmony - a blend of 7 different grapes that are all grown in the same vineyard, harvested and macerated together. The wine is young and vivacious, with a deep character that is moulded by the rising moon. An intriguing play of rose, straw, fruit compote, dried fruit and spiciness. The wine is close to red wine tones, with a firm full body and beautifully rounded by a feel of smoke and an intensely mineral character

RED / Angel Rdeče Grande Cuvée 2018 - Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc

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The complex yet pure aromas are exhilarating. Close your eyes and smell the wine in the glass, having in mind all kinds of red fruits in different forms. Close to nirvana. A wonderful harmony of three grape varieties. Merlot provides the wine with its structure, Cabernet Sauvignon with the aroma, while the Cabernet Franc closes the perfect circle with its elegance

REIA - Goriška Brda, Slovenia

A winery run by Marko Reija in one of the most popular wine regions for making skin contact (aka orange) wines. Marko is proud of his wine heritage and marks each bottle with morse code which locates the vineyard where the grapes were grown to make that particular wine. You will see the code on the label of the bottle.

WHITE / REIA Tolovaj 2011 - Sauvignonasse

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A harmonic and stable wine with a nice concentration. Gastronomical, youthful and refreshing, the wine is fruit forward with tones of apricot and nectarine marmalade, tangerine zest, bruised yellow apple and a hint of persimmon. Hints of very light caramel and honey. Winner of Bronze medal at the Finger Lakes International Wine Competition 2015 in the USA

ORANGE / REIA Rebula Mascerated 2016 - Rebula **46**

Deep amber in colour, the nose suggests sweetness, but the wine is dry. Flavours of summer berries, oak, honey, citrus and herbs

RED / REIA Kamerad 2014 - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot **51**

Deep garnet color. Notes of ripe flower, coffee beans, with a bit of smoke, hints of spice. Dry, medium-bodied, with a higher level of acidity and tannins, which are (still) somewhat on the edge

BLAŽIČ - Goriška Brda, Slovenia

A small winery set at the border of Slovenia and Italy. Fun fact: the winery is in Slovenia and vineyards are in Italy separated by a tiny footpath. Technically a Slovenian winery due to the cellar and winery being in Slovenia. Simona and Borut run this elegant winery with a very small production. Each wine is handcrafted and is full of nectar and natural deliciousness. Known for their skin contact wines, which we cherish everytime we visit them

WHITE / Rebula 2019 - Rebula **33**

Golden yellow in colour. The bouquet is vibrant and clear with notes of ripe apples and citrus. The wine is pleasantly tasty, with a harmonious combination of acids, elegance of body and minerality with a nice fruity aftertaste. A nice fresh and young wine

ORANGE / Rebula Slekcija 2016 - Rebula **52**

Deep amber in color. Pear, lemon, white flower and a touch of smoke. Full bodied with high acidity and a long finish

ORANGE / Jakot Plešivo 2014 - Sauvignonasse **53**

A very classy and beautiful Orange wine. Clear, golden hue. Caramel notes, with apricot, pear and vanilla. Aromas of Mediterranean flowers, citrus, mowed grass and oak barrels. A full body and harmonic acidity

VALENTAN - Styria, Slovenia

The smallest winery we work with. Located north of Slovenia, close to Austria. With its cool climate, the winery makes cool climate wines. Their specialty? Very low quantity of their skin contact Chardonnay and Blaufrankisch

ORANGE / Chardonnay 2017 **49**

From a very limited batch of only 1000 bottles, this is a golden orange Chardonnay. An intense taste with a beautiful sense of honey, caramel and dry fruit

RED / Modra Frankinja 2019 - Blaufrankisch **40**

A very special wine, with only a few bottles produced annually. Fresh and aromatic, with extremely gentle tannins. Flavours of dark ripe cherries and dark berries

ITALY

We travelled through the entire country, coast to coast, to look for winemakers and, found so many. Starting from Piedmont, all the way to Sicily and Puglia via Tuscany, and back to Lazio, Umbria and Abruzzo. We tried some very special wines, including some of the rare grape varieties not known to many.

ROCCO DI CARPENETO - Piedmont, Italy

Our first stop in Italy during our trip back in 2018. Rocco Di Carpeneto is run by Lidia and Paulo, who started this winery after leaving their cushy wealth management jobs. Region known for some of the greats from Italy like Barbera, Nebbiolo and Cortese.

PET NAT / ANDEIRA NV - Barbera

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A very lively and fun to drink fizz. Plenty of fresh red fruit, sour cherry, wild berry notes in the mouth, complimented by earthy yeasty notes and a full mouth feel. Unfiltered, not disgorged, bottle-refermented sparkling red wine

WHITE / REIS 2018 - Cortese

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A pale gold, minerally, structured and beautifully balanced Cortese. The wine is vigorously fresh, with lemon and white peach flavours

COOPERATIVA LA GINESTRA - Tuscany, Italy

Run as a cooperative by 14 people who came along to work on sustainable farming. A complete ecosystem with their own meat, cereals, milk, honey, agro turismo, and most importantly, natural wine

RED / Lea 2019 - Canaiolo Nero

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A full bodied, soft and stylish wine, velvety smooth with red fruit notes

CANTINE RICCARDI REALE - Lazio, Italy

This old winery makes wines made from grapes that are long forgotten, but are so delicious we cannot stop drinking the wines. Lorella and Pierro are a lovely couple who brought back to life by the rare grape variety called Cesanese

RED / Neccio 2017 - Casenese

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A deep ruby red fruity wine. Filled with flavours of ripe red fruit, cherry liqueur, tobacco, leather, oak and spice. Think of a ripasso like wine combined with smoky notes

AZIENDA AGRICOLA AUSONIA - Abruzzo, Italy

The winery we fell in love with the moment we visited them and tried their wines. Certified biodynamic, this winery uses the same grape to make three different red wines. We showcase two of their wines that are legendary

RED / Apollo Nostradamus 2015 - Montepulciano

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A deep red wine, with garnet highlights. A persistent bouquet of ripe red fruits and spices. The wine is full-bodied and robust and dry, with velvety tannins

RED / Apollo Anfora 2018 - Montepulciano

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The wine is made using an ancient method of fermenting and storing the wine in a clay vessel (or amphora).The amphora gives the wine a tannic and earthy, yet mineral-drive