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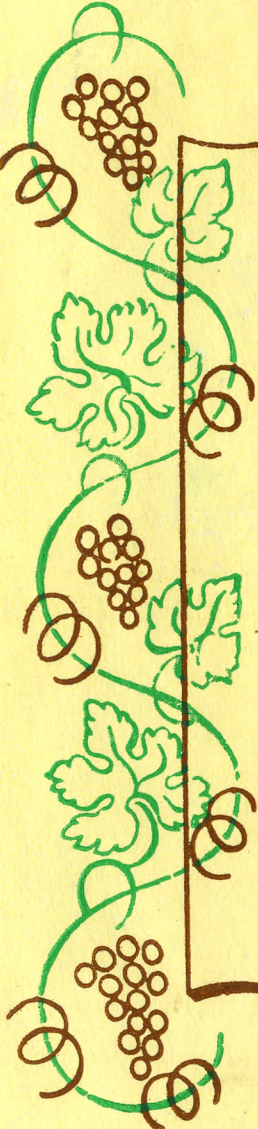
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Tokay, the “par excellence” wine-growing district of Hungary, has a place of its own among the world’s foremost wine regions. It is the land of the genuine Tokay Aszu — the noblest natural sweet wine of the world — second to none in its unique bouquet. Wine-growing in the Tokay district looks back upon the traditions of many centuries — some experts claim that it was already begun under Roman rule — the Tokay wines, Tokay Aszu above all, enjoying a world-wide reputation as early as the 15th and 16th centuries. Tokay wines have ever since maintained their fame worthy of a glorious past. The superior quality of these wines is the direct result of a happy combination of beneficent climatic conditions, advantageously situated vineyards and a favourable volcanic soil.

On the gentle slopes of the Tokay hills autumn is a lingering guest. The grapes shrivelling up under the heat of the autumn sun become “aszu” berries. Consequently their sugar content greatly increases and the aromatic substances mature, lending that



peculiar Tokay character to the wines. Aszu is made through working the hand-picked aszu-berries into a dough and adding it to the must. Szamorodni, on the other hand, is made of overripe clusters containing more or less aszu-berries. It appears that the grade of sweetness in the case of Szamorodni depends on the prevailing autumn climate, i. e. on the quantity and the shrivelled-up character of the aszu-berries contained in the clusters. Two varieties of Szamorodni are known accordingly: sweet and dry.

DRY SZAMORODNI is a full-bodied, fiery, dry wine becoming one of the noblest wines on maturing. **SWEET SZAMORODNI** is an extremely full-bodied, sweetish or sweet wine with fragrant bouquet and perfect flavour. Its specially good vintages rank among the best dessert wines.

The peculiar Tokay taste and bouquet can be enjoyed in both varieties to the full, rendering Szamorodni a worthy member of the Tokay family.