

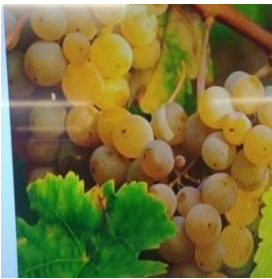


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We may have been small in numbers, 15 members and guests, Lilly and Bryan Bumstead, but we were actively engaged when the King George Wine Society met for the National Tasting Project at the American Legion on Friday Oct 8. Scott Such, chair pro-tem, confirmed that there would be one more tasting this year, followed hopefully by an in-person holiday party. We got right to Scott Allan presenting the Wines of Illyria, specifically, Herzegovina and Bosnia. Croatia produces wines from that region as well. The Balkans is one of a few places that grapes naturally grew during the Ice Age. Winemaking traditions in those ancient times was evidenced on stecci fortresses and ruins that have been decorated with motifs of grapes and goblets. The oldest found seeds in the region have been dated between 4,000 to 6,000 years old. Scott continued to share much history and then we began tasting. Luckily we did not do this blind as many of the grapes were unfamiliar to the majority of us. The main white grape is Zilavka, the red Blatina, which are



pictured in this article.

We tried two whites followed by a rosé. The next two were reds, one bottle of each demonstrated a defect. Wine four was musty/cloudy and five had TCA, being corked. The last wine was decanted in a very unique vessel, a coffee pot, which goes to show that even under duress, the wine club can accommodate any speaker. Problem solved!

Wines	Favorite white, rose, red	Cost
Stone Cuvee White Bosnia 2019	12	22
Tamjanika White Bosnia 2019	5	21
Carski Blatina Rosé Bosnia 2019	15	22
Teuta Warrior Queen Blatina Reserve Bosnia 2019	2	46
Trnjak Red Bosnia 2015	6	29
Carski Emporia Deep Red Cuvee Bosnia 2016	13	70

Thanks to the Allans for an educational tasting.
 Hope to see you Nov 12 for another Paul Koepfinger extravaganza highlighting more VA wines.