Vintage grape variety demonstration and expert advice day

Following a tradition of several decades, the Research Institute of Viticulture of the University of Pécs organized a harvest demonstration on 8th September at the Szentmiklóshegy Experimental Station. During the sunny morning, in addition to the evaluation of the vintage, the different grape varieties, clones and wines, the numerous experts and interested visitors were invited to a tasting of table grapes and wines and to exchange valuable experiences.

First of all, Dr. Péter Teszlák, Scientific Associate of the Department of Viticulture Technology Development of the Research Institute of Viticulture and Enology of the University of Pécs, welcomed the guests. "This harvest show has several missions, one of the most important being to take stock and evaluate the vintage behind us", he stressed, adding that "it is a vintage that has brought many difficulties and challenges for both grape growers and winemakers who have already harvested some varieties. We will see for each grape variety and wine sample what to look out for in a vintage like this and what the particularities of the year might be."

Looking at the table laden with beautiful bunches of grapes, Dr Péter Teszlák said: "When you first look at the harvest show table, you can see that the bunches are beautiful, pretty and healthy.

We're not saying that we've had a difficult or bad season, but the picture is not that black and white. Many varieties have good drought tolerance, and drought tolerance is medium to good. However, there are several varieties that are more susceptible to it, and there is a significant deterioration in quality. This will also pose challenges later on in the winemaking process."