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## Alko welcomes The Dalmatian Dog - two wines to launch in 70 stores across Finland

Two award-winning wines from Zhoda's vineyards in Croatia have been selected in a competitive tender process by Alko, Finland's state-owned alcohol retail monopoly, similar to Sweden's Systembolaget. The selected wines are The Dalmatian Dog Babić and The Dalmatian Dog Pošip, both crafted from handpicked local Dalmatian grape varieties.

"We're thrilled that our wines will now have a broad launch in Finland. With its generous flavor from the local Dalmatian grape babić and its distinctive design, the The Dalmatian Dog has since its launch five years ago become a favorite among Swedish wine lovers. Now it's Finland's turn. Being chosen in a highly competitive process makes this launch particularly rewarding," says Robert Karlsson, CEO of Zhoda Investments.

The wines will be available in 70 Alko stores across Finland from 31 March to 5 August 2026.

This marks another important milestone in the international growth of Testament Winery and *The Dalmatian Dog*, which has already achieved great success in Sweden. *The Dalmatian Dog Babić*, introduced at Systembolaget nearly five years ago, has since been praised by both consumers and wine critics, with a recent positive review earlier this month in Dagens Nyheter, one of Sweden's leading newspapers.

The red wine *The Dalmatian Dog Babić* is crafted by Juraj Sladić at *Testament Winery*, using the native babić grape. The white *The Dalmatian Dog Pošip*, produced by Igor Radovanović at Black Island Winery, is made from the fresh and aromatic pošip grape. Both wines are made exclusively from hand-picked grapes grown in the mineral-rich soils of Dalmatia.

The Dalmatian Dog wines are a tribute to the Dalmatian dog breed, which originates from the Dalmatia region where Zhoda's vineyards are located.

## Want to try the wines?

Both wines are currently available in Sweden through Systembolaget:

The Dalmatian Dog Babić – <a href="https://www.systembolaget.se/produkt/vin/the-dalmatian-dog-209701/">https://www.systembolaget.se/produkt/vin/the-dalmatian-dog-209701/</a>
The Dalmatian Dog Pošip – <a href="https://www.systembolaget.se/produkt/vin/the-dalmatian-dog-5660901/">https://www.systembolaget.se/produkt/vin/the-dalmatian-dog-5660901/</a>

## **Testament Vänner Wine Club**

Through the Testament Vänner wine club, Swedish wine lovers can follow the journey of Croatia's first Swedish-owned winery and take part in the mission to produce the country's best wine. Membership is free. Learn more and sign up at www.testamentvanner.com.

See attached photos of the wines.

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## **About Zhoda Investments**

Zhoda Investments invests in selected unlisted European companies and develops them through



active ownership and entrepreneurship. In the coastal region of Dalmatia in Croatia, Zhoda owns two wineries, Testament Winery and Black Island Winery. With indigenous organic grapes, two of the country's leading winemakers and a winemaking tradition dating back 2,000 years, the company aims to produce Croatia's best wine and become the country's leading exporter of premium wines. Zhoda also holds a 45% interest in an oil field in Ukraine, with proven and probable (2P) oil reserves of 8 million barrels net to the company. Zhoda actively seeks new investment opportunities. Learn more at <a href="https://www.zhodainvestments.com">www.zhodainvestments.com</a>.

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