

Liaoning Changyu Golden Twine Valley Chateau

——Fairy Tales of Ice Wine in Winter

Mid September is the harvest season for vineyards in the northern hemisphere. The grapes in the Golden Twine Valley Chateau vineyard in Changyu, Liaoning, China will still hang on the branches for two to three months, waiting for the arrival of frost. The vineyard in the icy and snowy weather, with a cold wind blowing and thin snow gently shaking off, the strings of ice grapes on the grape trellis swaying with the wind are like notes on the staff, gently playing beautiful melodies, as if telling a winter fairy tale.

The world's largest ice wine winery, Changyu Golden Twine Valley Chateau, is located in Huanren County, Benxi City, Liaoning Province, China, known as the "hometown of maple leaves". If you come here in autumn, the red maple leaves on both sides of the road will remind you of the poetry of the Tang Dynasty poet Du Mu, who said, "Stop and sit in the maple forest at night, the frost leaves are red than the flowers in February."

The winery is located by the beautiful Huanlong Lake, which ripples among the mountains. 5000 acres of Weddell grapes are planted on the lakeside to make ice wine. The vineyard is nestled by the mountains and waters, with a gentle slope facing the sun and endless views. This is the world's largest single ice grape plantation, with an annual production of up to 1000 tons of ice wine.

Mr. Albert Milan from the "Ice Wine Capital" of Canada serves as the chief winemaker of the winery. Mr. Milan said that "Golden Twine Valley" is located at 41 degrees north latitude and an altitude of 380 meters, creating a unique lake microclimate that is cold but not dry in winter. It produces precious rot fungi on the surface of grape fruits, resulting in a rich and unique aroma.

Moreover, it can reach a low temperature of minus 8 °C every winter. This area has harsh geographical and climatic conditions that can meet the needs of ice wine production, making it an ideal growing area for ice grapes.

Here, we can experience unforgettable experiences of picking ice grapes, pressing ice grapes, and harvesting ice wine. In the early morning of minus 8 °C, we put on thick clothes, put on headlights or horse lanterns, and wrapped ourselves tightly to start picking ice grapes. At this time, the "Weddell" ice grapes have already changed from summer green to brown, and the grape particles have been dried and concentrated. At this time, the sugar content and flavor of the ice grapes are the best.

Later, we arrived at the winery's brewing plant. After slow pressing, a thick golden liquid slowly flows out, and as you approach, you can smell a refreshing and sweet fruity aroma. The winemaker said that the juice yield of regular grapes after pressing is 70%, but the juice yield of ice grapes is only 20%. Therefore, ice wine is known as the "queen" of wine due to its rare value.

The ice wine here has a charming golden color, with aromas of honey, banana, pineapple, lychee, and nectarine. It tastes moderately sour and sweet, giving a pure and thorough feeling. Long lasting aftertaste and balanced taste.

Mr. Moselle, a famous European hereditary winemaker, once commented, "If I were to evaluate Changyu Golden Twine Valley, I would consider it 'perfect'".

Its structure is very tight, with excellent dryness and sweetness, making it more appetizing to

drink than ice wine from Canada and Germany

Larson, the world's best sommelier, recommends that Changyu ice wine can be paired with many foods, such as desserts, cakes, fruits, chocolate, cheese, foie gras, seafood, etc., all of which are good choices.

Some people say that ice wine is like a tested love, blooming with the sweetest and most mellow taste. Some people also say that the sweet and sour taste of ice wine, as well as the lingering fragrance, is close to the feeling of first love.

Brewing ice wine is a game against nature, and due to climate limitations, there are only a few regions in the world that can produce ice wine. Out of every 30000 bottles of wine worldwide, there is only one bottle of ice wine, and this preciousness should be given to the most cherished person.

Give precious wine to those who cherish it. You may as well create personalized wine labels here, transforming the emotions you want to express into words and pictures, and pasting them on the bottle of Changyu Golden Ice Valley Ice Wine. This romantic will create your own fairy tale story.

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