

# HUNGARIAN OAK FOREST REGIONS

## OAK SELECTION



With no oceans at its borders, Hungary does not benefit from a maritime climate like France for air drying wood for coopering. Therefore, all oak is seasoned a minimum of 36 months to ensure enough storms and the right weather conditions have cleansed the organoleptic material and tannin from the wood before coopering begins.

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NAME	FOREST ORIGIN	GRAIN WIDTH	AIR DRY
Tokay	Tokay Mountains	< 1.5 mm	36 months
Tokay Blend	2/3 Tokay, 1/3 Mecsek	1.5-2.0 mm	36 months
Hungarian	Blend: Tokay and Mecsek	1.5-3.0 mm	36 months
Mecsek Blend	1/3 Tokay, 2/3 Mecsek	2.0-3.0 mm	36 months
Mecsek	Mecsek Hills	2.0-3.0mm	36 months

### MECSEK HILLS (70,000 ha)

The Mecsek Hills border Hungary's famous red wine capital: Villány, that is best known for Bordeaux varietals. It is less cold here and the region enjoys both a Mediterranean and Continental climate. The oak here is slightly less tight than oak from the Tokay Mountains. However, harvesting trees found in the ravines and mountain tops of this region provides tighter grained oak that compliments Tokay oak.

### TOKAY MOUNTAINS (150,000 ha)

The Tokay Mountains are a small chain of mountains that are part of the Carpathian Mountains. Home to the world famous Tokay wine region, these mountains contain rocky, mineral and volcanic soils that experience cold winters and almost precipitation free summers. The forests are predominantly made of Quercus Patraea. They are dense, grow slowly and suffer, which creates extremely tight grained oak.