

THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST DEMARKATED WINE REGION OF THE WORLD – THE TOKAJ WINE REGION

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The optimal climatic conditions of the region were proved in 1867, when a leaf-print of *Vitis tokaiensis* was found in a stone from miocen age (13 million years ago).

Concerning the viticulture, already the Hungarian tribes coming to the Carpathian basin knew it and started to practice at the end of the 9th century.

In 1241, after the Tatar invasion IV. king Béla revitalized the region bringing also foreigner „vinitors”.

In the 15th century, under the rules of king Mathias the Tokaji winemaking strenghtened and nothern Hungarian cities created vineyards and wineries in the region.

