

Oak selection

Selected Bulgarian Oak

Every autumn, when leaves begin falling to the ground , our coopers are on hand to select the finest, tight –grain white oak *Quercus robur* and *Quercus sessiliflora* from the best Bulgarian forests like the Elena and Varbitza regions. The extremes of climate in these high altitude regions and the unique mineral content of the soil contribute to slow growth and thus produce a specific type of oak with subtle flavour and high tannin content.

This selection is the initial phase that essentially determines the quality of our end product.

Research has proved that the specific type of oak which grows in Bulgaria has similar qualities to the Limousine type, used for the barrels of the finest wine in the world .