



CARASSIA CLASSIC BRUT NV

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Set between the Mureş, Someş, and Tisa rivers and framed by the Apuseni Mountains, the Crişana region—known as Körösvidék in Hungarian and Kreischgebiet in German—boasts a deep-rooted winemaking tradition. Archaeological finds at the Roman site of Porolissum-Moigrad link this area to the ancient Sylvania wine region, while records from the Josephinische Landesaufnahme (1770) confirm early grape cultivation in Carastelec. Carastelec, first mentioned in 1241 and part of today's Sălaj County, has long been tied to viticulture. In 1650, Princess Zsófia Báthori restored the local church and endowed it with vineyards, forests, and her manor—marking the village's earliest documented proof of vineyards.

Today, Carastelec is home to Romania's first winery focused mainly on sparkling and semi-sparkling wines. Located near Măgura Şimleului Mountain in northwestern Transylvania, its 22-hectare, south-facing vineyard—planted in 2011—is perfectly suited for high-quality sparkling production. The site, chosen by renowned oenologist Tibor Gál, benefits from a favourable microclimate, clay-rich soil, and a wide day-night temperature range during ripening.

