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## SOLARA, ORANGE, VIILE TIMISULUI, ROMANIA, 2020



### Producer Profile

The Cramele Recas Estate, owned by Englishman, Philip Cox and his Romanian wife Elvira, have put in a huge amount of work into transforming their slice of grape growing history into a contemporary winemaking haven.

The immaculate vineyards are a combination of evolved plantings from 1447 and much more recent plantings too. With recent investments into modernising and improving their winery, they regularly host world class flying winemakers, vintage to vintage, to work with their team. This enables them to create top quality wines and constantly challenge themselves push innovations and approach winemaking with an open mind.

### Viticulture

A mountainous terrain surrounds the vineyards and dominates the landscape.

### Winemaking

Refreshing like a white wine, with the complexity of red wine. This orange wine is made by leaving the grape skins and seeds in contact with the pressed juice, creating a deep orange-hued finish. The wine ferments naturally without the addition of yeasts, sulphur or any other additions. The different varieties are then blended and before a natural cold stabilisation, and bottled unfiltered and unfined.

### Tasting Note

Dark straw colour with orange hints, the nose is a delicate mélange of quince, poire william and a hint of vanilla. A complex and structured wine, with elegant but discreet fruit flavours of stone fruits, backed up with a powerful tannin structure and long finish. A natural minimal intervention wine which is well balanced and structured yet pure and incredibly fresh.

### Food Matching

Hard and semi hard cheese, tuna steak and chicken.

### Awards

#### Decanter 89 Points

Macerated 3-4 weeks on skin, this has a fragrance of lychee, camomile and marmalade. Yellow apple, peach and orange blossom on the palate, with refreshing acidity and a touch of tannin for structure. Saline and yellow apple peel on the finish. 89 Points, SW, May 2021.

### Technical Details

#### Varieties:

Riesling 34%

Muscat Ottonel 25%

Others 41%

ABV: 12.5%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: White

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

### Oak Treatment

No oak treatment