

GROŽĐEBAL/GRAPEBALL

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The event known to people as “Grožđebal” (Grapeball) has a long tradition and is held every year on the third weekend in September.

The first wine exhibition in Vršac was held in the tavern "Kod dva ključa" (By the two keys) in 1857.

In 1494. the court of the Hungarian king Vladislav II paid 10.5 ducats for a barrel of Vršac wine



Vinko Lozić



Vinko Lozic, an ancient Banat bohemian, was born in 1830 in Vršac to father Jovan Sterija Popović (famous Serbian writer) and mother of a vineyard villa.

He is the first person and commander of the three-day parade and ceremony.

Vinko Lozić is not an "ordinary citizen of Vršac", because his name contain God's gifts - wine and grapevine.

Today the monument made of bronze is located in the center of Vrsac.

Festival



Various competitions are organized during the festival

On the last day of the festival, a ceremonial parade of participants led by the mayor of "Groždebai", Vinko Lozić, with his bohemian orchestra passes through the city. Behind them passes the most beautifully decorated carriage from "Miss Grape Harvest", followed by people who share freshly picked grapes. All this is completed by all the participants of the manifestation, who once again present themselves to the audience through play and song.



Carnival

Grapes are falling from the sky



After the ceremonial parade of festival participants, the city is flown by planes that greet present in a spectacular way. They drop parachutes with grapes and special prizes. Only the happiest manage to get a reward and sweet pleasure in the form of grapes from the plantations of Vršac vineyards.

Grapeball in the time of corona





**Thank you, we expect you next year on
“Grapeball”**

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