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## **AZERBAIJAN** **INTRODUCING AZERBAIJAN WINES TO** **TEXAS!**

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How about we introduced you to another great way of traveling to Azerbaijan without leaving your home? (well you will have to go [HERE](#) in Houston, TX but that's not too far is it?) Again, we promise: no jetlag and no plane ticket – Leon

Sierra, owner of Mid-State Wine and Liquor in partnership with Toghrul Mammadov just brought to Texas Azerbaijan's culture...packaged in a bottle!

Straight from the Land of Fire to Texas, we are happy to share with you the exciting news...

## **After two years of process, Azerbaijani wines finally arrived in Texas!**

### **The production**



The wines are produced by Sharg Ulduzu LLC in Shamkir City. Shamkir district is located in the northwestern part of the Azerbaijan Republic.

Sharg Ulduzu LLC produces wine products as well as cognac and was established in 2002 where its vineyard covers over 100 hectares.

Their grapes, 100% hand harvested in September 2014, come from indigenous sorts of Azerbaijani grapes such as Bayan Shira and other grapes originally from Georgia like Saperavi and Tavkveri; and from France like Chardonnay and Merlot.

The wines were imported by Mid-State Wine & Liquor in partnership with Toghrul Mammadov and offer a selection of red and white wines:

## The Reds



- Eastern Fairy Tales (70% Saperavi / 30% Tavkveri): Rich red, an aroma with a tone of black currant, strawberry and sometimes cherry.
- Saperavi (100% Saperavi): Rich dark red, full harmonious soft taste clearly pronounced varietal aroma with tones of milk cream.
- Shishtapa (70% Saperavi / 30% Merlot): Rich, soft taste, rich fruit aroma.

## The Whites



- Caspian Waves (85% Rkatsiteli / 15% Chardonnay): Pale straw, fuint taste, intense bouquet of peach, melon and citrus.
- Bayan Shira (100% Bayan Shira): Pale straw, medium astringency, soft tannin and white pepper taste, tropical aromas.

## About Mid-State Wine



[Mid-State Wine and Liquors](#), Wholesaler of wine and spirits, Distributor of beer and Importer of wine and beer for the entire state of Texas was founded by its current owner Leon Sierra in 2000. Since the beginning, Mid-State has been committed to quality, boutique, artisan, hand crafted, and family owned wineries, brewers and distilleries.

The company's wholesale wine portfolio consists of small wineries that produce white wine, sparkling wine, red wine, rose wines and ports anywhere from 5 to 100 cases, mid-size wineries that produce up to 50,000 cases, and larger wineries that produce up to 20 million cases. These family owned wineries come from all over the world like France, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Australia, Spain, USA (California, Oregon, Texas, Washington), and New Zealand.

Their customer accounts range from family owned restaurants (Churrascos, Americas, Café Red Onion, Arcodoro, Pamodoro, Volare), package stores (Spec's, HEB, Central Market, Siegel's, Majestic, Gabriels, Goody Goody, Costco, Austin and Houston wine merchant), banquet and wedding hall type companies, Hotels (Marriot, Hotel Derek, Hotel Zaza) wine bars (the tasting room, Max's Dive, 13deg celcius, Wine Styles, Copa) and Corporate national accounts (Safeway, Krogers etc)

Mid-State's statewide distribution covers Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, Ft-Worth, Galveston, Beaumont, College station, Brenham, Corpus Christi, McAllen, Tyler Texas, Bastrop, Elgin, Waco and more.

Make sure you check out Mid-State Wine & Liquor for more information: <http://www.mid-statewine.com/>

<http://www.winebusiness.com/news/?go=getArticle&dataid=144712>

<http://www.mid-statewine.com/component/content/article/1-front-news/98-mid-state-pioneer-of-bringing-azerbaijan-wines-in-the-usa.html>

**“GOVERNMENT WARNING:** (1) According to the Surgeon General, women should not drink alcoholic beverages during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defects. (2) Consumption of alcoholic beverages impairs your ability to drive a car or operate machinery, and may cause health problems”