

## INTRODUCTION

Greetings!

My name is Tadej Cvetko and I am a student at the Vocational College of Hospitality and Tourism Maribor. I am participating in this competition because I want to gain experience in mixology. My hobbies are reading, sports, and working in the hospitality industry. My favorite spirit is whiskey, which I will use in my cocktail called The Devil's last throw.

*Pekrska gorca's* creation – The Devil's last throw

So, my story talks about a hill called *Pekrska gorca* that lies between fields in the second largest city in Slovenia, Maribor. The inspiration for my cocktail comes from the story of how *Pekrska gorca* came to be.

In the Middle Ages, the devil called Zlodej terrorized Slovenia's second largest city, Maribor, threatening to flood the city and kill every single person there.

To achieve this, he was going to plunge a mountain range near Maribor, the Pohorje Mountains, into the Drava River. But fortunately, at the very moment when Zlodej wanted to throw it, Mother Mary came from heaven and weakened Zlodej, so that he threw the rock only halfway and accidentally created the hill *Pekrska gorca*. Mother Mary surrounded Zlodej with the thorns of a raspberry plant in the heart of the hill. That is why the raspberries that grow there are very juicy because the blood of Zlodej flows in the fruit. Some locals still hear his screams from the chapel on the hill and some believe that Zlodej might escape one day and try to flood Maribor again.

So how does my cocktail represent my story?

I have chosen Jack Daniels whiskey to represent the forest because of its Woody notes, Campari is my bitter devil, my local raspberry syrup is the devil's blood that flows in the fruit, fresh raspberries represent the holy sweetness of Mother Mary and to top it I have chosen ginger ale as the mythical rots of the hill.

Receipt:

- 5 fresh raspberries
- 30 ml Jack Daniels whiskey
- 15 ml Campari
- 10 ml local raspberry syrup
- 100 ml Thomas henry ginger ale