

Dear Germain winemakers!

My name is Viktor Oliinykov, I am 10 years in a wine trade. My carrier began in 2010 with a bottle of Riesling Dr. L from Ernie Loosen (I am absolutely serious) - that's how I discovered that wine can be good and went and got a sommelier job at a Wine Bureau company, which then and still imports Ernie's wines. Many years have passed since and from 2018 I am co-founder of my own importing company Roots. From Germany currently we have Fio Wein - a small joint project of Philipp Ketter (of Weingut Lothar Ketter) and Marco and Dani Niepoort from Douro).

You can look at us here: https://www.instagram.com/roots_ua/ and here: <https://www.facebook.com/RootsUA> and here: <https://roots.ua/>

You all know what is happening in Ukraine. Me, my wife and most part of our team stay in Ukraine, while 2,5 millions of Ukrainians left their homes, now trying to find temporary homes and safety. We try to help our friends, colleagues from HoReCa and friends of friends, to be short - all who know us and who read our facebook / insta and spread word about it.

I believe in intra-professional networking. I really do. To be short, that's one of the main reasons why Ukraine still stands against the country 10 times bigger than we are. Because people not only believed in government and army, but also reacted on every level of our society: ex-competitors in business united their forces to help, professionals united their forces to help each other and other people. For example, Wine Bureau shared their winemakers database with us as well as helped to spread our message through their Facebook. Something unbelievable month ago.

We need your help. I believe in professional networking, because it is fast, effective and, most important, it's direct direct help to particular people. So I want to ask for your help. To help us provide temporary homes for Ukrainians. Mostly women with kids. I've been several times to Germany, visiting Mosel, Rheingau and Baden, I know that mostly all of you speak English and you are quick with your answers!

Why Germany is important. Because Germany is close to Slovakia and Poland, who are currently overwhelmed by people from Ukraine. We are very thankful to our Slavic brothers, but soon they will not be able to receive any more people. Our general mission is to move more mobile (and sometimes more active and self-driven) people deeper in Europe, leaving the space in Poland and Slovakia for more helpless people. So by hosting people at your premises, you do good, kind job twice! I am sorry, I will write you any reasons why you should help us, because all winemakers who offer their help already know their answer. And I perfectly understand that you can be practically be unavailable to host any person, but you might help, spreading this message to your neighboring winemakers.

Important to know: we, Roots, are fully responsible for all communication. We collect people, ask information from them, selecting them according to their language

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knowledge, age, possibilities etc. We do all logistics, sometimes we provide them with airplane tickets, we help them build their route by car. We do everything before they come to you. We provide you with all information in advance and we keep contact after.

All we need from you: your readiness to help, type and quantity of accommodation, your contacts and period of stay you are ready to provide. All rest we will do ourselves.

We will systemize all the information got from you and react accordingly. You will know exact people who come, their language and other skills, their vaccination and background.

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Best regards

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