

# **Viniculture and wine-making from a legal viewpoint**

## **Abstract**

This thesis is primarily a theoretical treatise on the legal regulation of viticulture and wine-making in the Czech Republic. It aims to provide an overview of the current legal regulation of the most important institutes of both aforementioned fields, focusing on the Act No. 321/2004 Coll. on viniculture and winemaking, but also other laws and sources of law with regard to EU legislation. Emphasis is placed on the individual aspects of viticultural activity and the subsequent manufacturing of wine products and the conditions for their marketing.

This thesis is divided into 8 chapters, including an introduction and a conclusion. The introductory chapters are focused on defining the position of the wine law in the legal system of the Czech Republic and clarifying the relations between the sources of law of viticulture and wine-making in the context of EU legislation. The main body of this thesis is included in chapters No. 3 and No. 4. These chapters are devoted to the current legislation in the field of viticulture and wine-making. The viticultural part of the work is focused mainly on the regulation of vine planting and some aspects which are closely related to viticultural activity, such as phytosanitary care and fertilization. In the wine-making chapter, the emphasis is set on oenological practices, classification of wine products, labeling and wine sorting. Furthermore, the quality requirements for individual products are outlined.

The fifth chapter deals with activities of private organizations and state institutions in the field of viticulture and wine-making. These activities may include participation in creating wine legislation, educating professionals in the field or support of their own members.

In order to better comprehend the European dimension of the legal regulation, a chapter on the regulation of wine law in Germany was included. Despite the considerable similarity of legal regulation in the Czech Republic and Germany due to the dominant position of EU law, several points on which the Czech legislation could be inspired are presented.

## **Key words:**

- Agricultural law
- Viticulture
- Wine-making