

## Pictograms



symbol of the sea, the island of Krk, the cradle of the Frankopans



layout of Nova Kraljevica Castle, a symbol of the powerful Zrinski-Frankopan alliance



symbol of the power and influence that the Frankopans had – they were governors (bans), counts (knezovi), builders, diplomats, and artists



six-pointed star, a symbol on the first Frankopan coat of arms from the time of the Counts of Krk



Glagolitic letter (O) – a symbol of advocacy of Croatian literacy, language and literature



Venetian symbol on the second coat of arms of the family, created after changing the name to Frankopan



bread broken by two lions on the Frankopan coat of arms

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THE ROUTES OF THE FRANKOPANS

## Castle with Kvadrac Tower, Novi Vinodolski

"The Routes of the Frankopans" cultural tourism project is inspired by the legacy of the Frankopans, a famous Croatian noble family who left numerous traces of their influence and power in the area of present-day Primorje-Gorski Kotar County in the period from the beginning of the 12<sup>th</sup> century until the second half of the 17<sup>th</sup>.

They wanted everything: personal power, reciprocated love, a blessing from heaven, and their own state. Borders did not exist for them. Space would just open up in front of them as they observed it from the walls of their castles.

And then a border appeared after all – at the least convenient moment.

Dear readers, doesn't this sound like an introduction to a dramatic story from national history? This is the story of the Frankopan noble family, whose origins were on the island of Krk. In fact, it's a number of stories about them that took place over centuries. To follow the routes of the Frankopans means to take a journey across a vivid, authentic landscape built by this family in the areas of Krk, Vinodol and Gorski Kotar.

Kvadrac, as this square tower is called by local people, is the only remnant of one of the most formidable Frankopan strongholds. This is the place where the famous Law Codex of Vinodol was drawn up, one of the earliest European legal documents.



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In the vicinity of the castle, there are also...



view points

'Sviba' and 'Kuk'



walking trail

'Celestial Labyrinth' energetic points



sacral building

small island San Marino with a Gothic church

## The Rose of Vinodol

According to a custom from Frankopan times, the end of the grape harvest was the time for the selection of the most beautiful and diligent female vineyard worker. The Rose of Vinodol was selected in Novi Vinodolski in August. This custom has now been brought back to life and includes various games for competitors, a fair offering handmade organic products, traditional dishes and wines, and also dancing.





 **Bribir Tower**

**6 km**



 **Ledenice Old Town**

**9.7 km**



SEE THE  
**WIDER PICTURE**



**Castle with Kvadrac Tower,  
Novi Vinodolski** 13<sup>th</sup> century

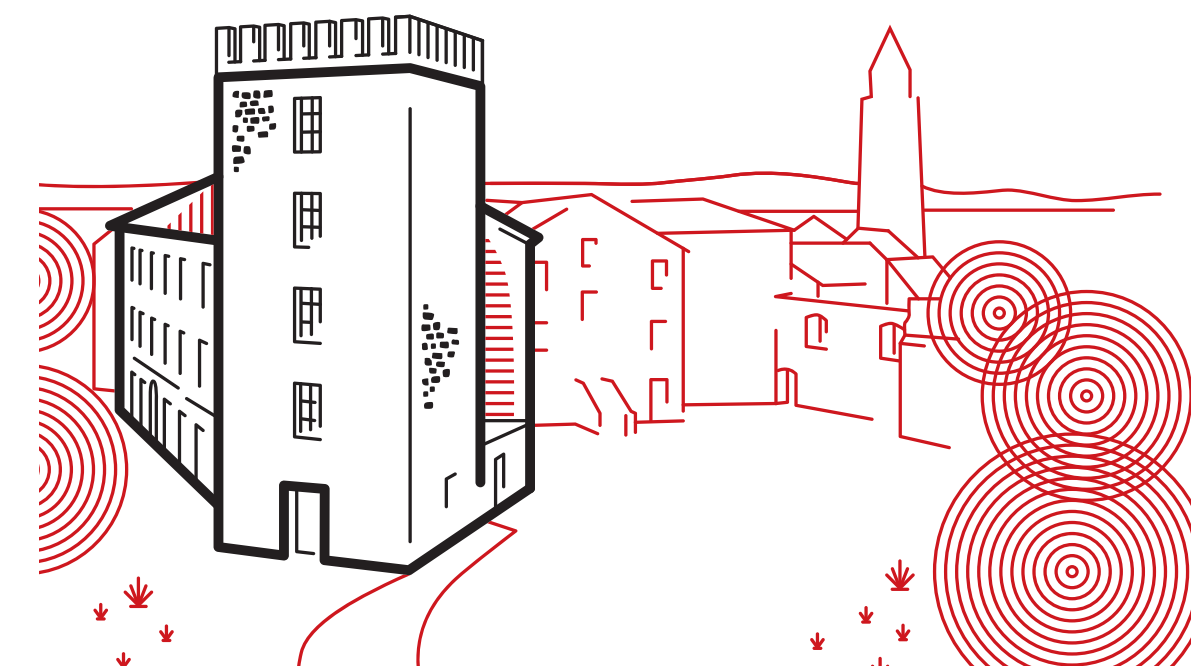


**Heroes might die,  
but the stories  
about them don't!**

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