

Pinot Grigio 2017

Colli Orientali, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris
Winemaker	Viorel Flocea
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13%
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl, 75cl

PRODUCER

Livio Felluga emigrated from Istria and established his property in Brazzano in the 1950s. Convinced of the winemaking potential inherent in Collio and the Colli Orientali of Friuli, he bucked the trend of the times and started buying vineyards. Their landmark Terre Alte was first produced in 1981 and they have continued to make innovative and consistently high quality wines since. Winemaker Andrea Felluga has embraced stelvin in a characteristically forward-looking way. After experimenting with the closure for five years, he felt confident in using the stelvin closure to retain freshness and perfume in his wines.

VINEYARDS

The quality of the Felluga range is in large part due to the fact that the fruit is grown on their 200 hectare property, which includes some of the finest vineyards in Friuli. The estate's vineyards straddle provincial borders, being located in both Colli Orientali and Collio, but most are situated in Rosazzo in the heart of the Colli Orientali DOC zone. The vines are Guyot trained, with an ecologically sustainable approach to viticulture. The soil is marl and flysch.

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage was characterised by a cold winter with abundant rainfall. At the end of April, there was a period of frost. For this reason, blossom only began to appear towards the end of May, even if on the slopes it started sooner. Sunny weather followed. However, frost and drought eventually meant that this was a relatively challenging vintage in terms of quantity. Nevertheless, the grapes that were harvested were of good condition and quality.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were destemmed without crushing and then macerated briefly on the skins before a soft pressing. Temperature-controlled fermentation took place between 17-19°C in stainless steel tanks, where it matured on the lees for six months. It was then aged in bottle for two months before release.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is straw yellow with light golden hues. Intense yet elegant aromas of melon and candied fruit are complemented by white fruit and floral notes, with a delicate mixture of brioche, honey and flint. Fresh and smooth on the palate, this persistent Pinot Grigio has great balance and a refreshing, mineral finish.