

Pinot Grigio Ramato 2017

Colli Orientali, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris
Winemaker	Cristian and Michele Specogna
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

The Specogna family owns 25 hectares of vineyard on the hill of Rocca Bernarda in the heart of the Colli Orientali DOC in Friuli Venezia Giulia. Their vineyards are planted in a spectacular amphitheatre and tended organically by Michele and Cristian Specogna, so the quality of the fruit they bring to the winery is impeccable. As a result, they are keen to get as much flavour as possible from their grapes.

VINEYARDS

The family has 16 hectares of vineyard on the hill of Rocca Bernarda in the heart of the Colli Orientali DOC zone. Grapes for the Pinot Grigio are grown on a small vineyard at 170 metres above sea level on a north-east facing slope. The soil is marl, sandstone and clay and planting density is 4,000 vines per hectare. The vineyards were planted in 1987.

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 satisfactory condition and quality.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were crushed and cooled immediately to 7-8°C. Cool maceration on the skins took place for 72 hours prior to fermentation on the skins for six days in stainless steel tanks. 80% of the wine was aged in stainless steel tanks with lees stirring every 20 days, while 20% was aged in 1,500 litre oak barrels, with lees stirring every 10 days. After eight months, the components were blended together and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is soft pink in colour with copper highlights, a characteristic of this varietal. It is fresh and floral on the nose, with aromas of apples, pears and elderflower. On the palate, it has an apple and pineapple character with a lively, lifted finish and hints of freshly-baked bread.