# `Calvarino 5` NV Soave Classico, Veneto, Italy





Grape Varieties	<ul><li>70% Garganega</li><li>30% Trebbiano di Soave</li></ul>
Winemaker	Dario Pieropan
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	1.4g/L
Acidity	5.65g/L
Wine pH	3.24
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Practising Organic, Vegan

#### **PRODUCER**

The Pieropan family has produced wines in Soave since the 1890s and today, their estate comprises 58 hectares of vineyards planted on the stony hills of Soave Classico. In the early 1930s, they were the first producer to bottle a wine with the name Soave on the label. Nino Pieropan took over from his father in 1970 and became the first producer to make a single-vineyard Soave, 'Calvarino' in 1971. When Nino sadly passed away in 2018, his two sons, Andrea and Dario, began running the estate, continuing their family's traditions and passion for making outstanding wine.

### **VINEYARDS**

The Calvarino vineyard is located in the north-west zone of the Soave Classico area and has been owned by the Pieropan family since 1901. It takes its name, 'little Calvary', from the steepness of the slope and the difficulty this presents in working the vineyard. It has basalt soil that is typical in this part of Soave and is planted with Garganega and Trebbiano di Soave. The vines are between 30 and 60 years old and are planted 200 to 300 metres above sea level, at a density of 3,000 vines per hectare. The vineyards are farmed organically.

## **VINIFICATION**

Calvarino 5 is a limited-edition wine made at the new, state-of-the -art winery built in honour of Leonildo Pieropan. Nestled in the Soave hills, the winery has a sinuous, gravity-fed cellar and uses an innovative method of collecting rainwater. Combining efficiency and sustainability, Pieropan used local materials that provide perfect insulation, which maintains year-round temperature stability. Calvarino 5 is a unique blend of five vintages, with an average of ten years cellaring in cement tanks. Winemaker Dario Pieropan brought the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 vintages together to create an expertly-balanced and elegant blend.

## **TASTING NOTES**

From Garganega and Trebbiano di Soave grapes, 'Calvarino 5' is an authentic expression of these vines, from a volcanic soil. It displays aromatic herbs and summer flowers. Elegant, long and persistent. Rich in mineral and tropical notes, on the palate it displays a verticality, which gives the wine an intriguing complexity. A Mediterranean wine in the soul and of great longevity.