Ca' dei Frati.

`Rosa dei Frati` 2024 Lugana, Lombardia, Italy





Grape Varieties	25% Barbera25% Groppello25% Marzemino25% Sangiovese
Winemaker	Igino Dal Cero
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	6.5g/L
Acidity	6.05g/L
Wine pH	3.18
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

In the last two decades, the Dal Cero family have transformed Ca' dei Frati, on the southern shores of Lake Garda, into a thriving estate. Originally comprising just 12 hectares of vines, the family purchased significant vineyard holdings in 2008, growing Ca' dei Frati to over 200 hectares. This increase in quantity is matched by quality and today Ca' dei Frati are among the best producers in Lugana.

VINEYARDS

The secret to the success of the Ca' dei Frati wines is their outstanding vineyards. Most producers in the zone overcrop and train the vines high. At Ca' dei Frati, the vines are trained low, newer vineyards have a higher density of planting, and yields are well below the average for the zone. Fruit for this wine came from two vineyards, 'I Frati' in Sirmione and 'La Tur' in Desenzano. The soils are a mixture of chalky clay, sand and limestone. The vines are single and double Guyot trained.

VINTAGE

The 2024 growing season delivered favourable conditions overall. Spring rainfall provided adequate soil moisture reserves, while consistent summer sunshine ensured proper fruit development and maturation. Harvest operations experienced some delays due to precipitation in September and October, requiring adjusted scheduling and extended picking windows.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were hand picked and selected in the vineyards. Once at the winery, the grapes were destemmed and lightly pressed after a short period of skin contact to extract colour. The must was fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks before remaining in tank on fine lees for six months before bottling and then a further two months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

Rosa dei Frati is light pink in colour with a touch of 'onion skin' orange. Zesty, fresh and vibrant with aromas of summer pudding and strawberries, it is perfectly balanced with a lovely refreshing finish.