## Ferrari,

# `Perlé` Rosé Riserva 2018 Trento DOC, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy





Grape Varieties	80% Pinot Nero
	20% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Marcello Lunelli and Cyril Brun
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

#### **PRODUCER**

Giulio Ferrari honed his craft in Champagne, before founding his eponymous winery in 1902, aiming to produce world-class sparkling wines in the Trento DOC. With no heirs, he passed it to Bruno Lunelli in 1952, whose family still run the estate today. Ferrari focuses primarily on Chardonnay, which Giulio Ferrari introduced to the area, planted on the slopes of the Dolomites, between 300 and 600 meters above sea level. These elevations create significant diurnal temperature variation, giving the grapes aromatic complexity, elegance, and acidity. Winemaker Cyril Brun, from Aÿ in Champagne, joined as Chef de Cave in June 2023, bringing his vast experience and new perspective to the Trento DOC Metodo Classico sparkling wine.

#### **VINEYARDS**

The grapes come from organic certified vineyards owned by the Lunelli family. The vineyards sit on the slopes of the Dolomites mountains at altitudes between 300 and 600 meters above sea level with a south-eastern and southerly exposure. Soil are skeletal and sandy.

### **VINTAGE**

After cold temperatures until April, warm weather and rains in May abruptly pushed vegetative development forward, leading to a June that was finally warm, regular and which was vital to avert disease. Following numerous summer rains, at lower altitudes the harvest began on August 17, yielding grapes with slightly higher than average sugar content. Whereas, in the higher vineyards, grape ripening took place at greater day-night temperature ranges, as well as on soils with higher water availability, here the harvest had excellent acidity and, above all, quantity.

## **VINIFICATION**

Grapes were hand - picked and carried to the winery. The chardonnay and part of the pinot noir grapes were gently pressed using a pneumatic press and fermented stainless steel vats as white wines. The remaining pinot noir grapes underwent 10-15 hours of maceration before being pressed and fermented into a rosé wine. After the malolactic fermentation – which soften the natural acidity and improve texture – the wines were blended into a rosé wine which was bottled for the second fermentation using Ferrari's own selection of yeast. The wine is aged on lees for a minimum of 5 years before disgorgement and dosage which is normally in the range of 5-6 gr of sugar.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

This wine has a old rose pink colour and a fine perlage. The nose is dominated by elegant notes of berries, roses and raspberries that give way to hints of biscuits and candied orange. The palate is supported by excellent structure that highlights the typical qualities of Pinot Noir. It is enhanced by a delicate hint of spices, sweet almonds and yeast. The finish is long and persistent.