



MERLOT

GRAPE VARIETY Merlot **GROWING ZONE** Oriental Friuli Hills TYPE OF SOIL Marl and sandstone from Eocene age also known as "ponca" TRAINING SYSTEM Traditional Friuli single inverted and French Guyot **PLANTING DENSITY** Vines/ha 5.000 **HARVEST TIME** The last week of September **HARVESTING** Manual **ACIDITY** Total 5,2 gr/L **ALCOHOL CONTENT** 13,50% vol. **SERVING TEMPERATURE** 16 - 18° C **BOTTLE SIZES** 375 ml / 750 ml / 1500 ml **AVAILABILITY** At least one year and a half from the harvest

VINIFICATION

The grapes are handpicked at the perfect degree of sugar and phenol content, destemmed and crushed then allowing the must to macerate and ferment on the skins. During this period, pumping over is carried out frequently to favor the transfer of colour and noble tannins from the skins to the fermenting must. After drawing-off, the end of alcoholic and malolactic fermentation is awaited, and the racking is carried out. The wine is poured under gravity into the underground cellar where it matures until the bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Intense and vivid ruby red, developing into a garnet red with age. A distinctive sweet and gentle bouquet, with notes of plum jam, tobacco, hay, and coffee. The palate dry and smooth, sapid and harmonious, with fruit flavours of blackberry and plums. The meticulous vinification process has successfully extracted the varietal notes.

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Grilled red meats, boiled meats, stews of poultry and rabbit, roasts and medium aged cheese.