

Russolo

Italy - Friuli Venezia Giulia - San Quirino (PN)



Ownership/Founders Russolo / Iginio family and Sonia Russolo

Start of Activity 1974

Vitiviniculture Traditional

Hectares 17

Bottles produced 170.000

MERLOT MASSARAC FRIULI

100% Merlot

Production area: San Quirino (PN) - Friuli Venezia Giulia

Terrain: area pianeggiante costituita dal conoide di deiezione del torrente Cellina. Si tratta di uno spesso materasso di sedimenti alluvionali di natura calcareo-dolomitica di origine fluvioglaciale posto ai piedi delle Dolomiti

Harvest: manual

Vinification: after a light crushing, the grapes are left to macerate in stainless steel tanks for 5-8 days, during which continuous operations are carried out to completely extract the noble polyphenols from the skin. During alcoholic fermentation, malo-lactic fermentation is also carried out. The maceration temperature is kept deliberately low so as not to lose the fruity notes

Refinement: maturation in steel tanks at constant temperature until bottling

Color: rosso intenso con riflessi violacei

Fragrance: Slightly herbaceous, vinous, with hints of raspberry

Flavor: harmonious, with delicate tannins

Alcoholic Grade: 12,5% vol



For over a century, the history of Russolo family has played a key role in the enology of western Friuli. The business started in 1974, when Iginio and his wife Sonia gave life to their project. The first turning point occurred in 1990, when they bought the vineyards in San Quirino. In 2000 the new wine cellar was built and the business permanently moved to the "terre magre" (poor lands). From some years now, the siblings Antonella and Rino took the lead of the winery and with the support of their parents, they focused on fresh, mineral and fragrant wines. The terroir of San Quirino is located in the north-western Friuli, close to the Friulian Dolomites. Here, the microclimate is influenced by a strong temperature range, since there are no hills as barrier between mountains and the plateau. The big quantity of pebbles in the soil guarantees a great minerality to the wines. This terroir is expertly interpreted by Russolo both in white and red wines (especially in Pinot Noir), confirming the winery as the best performer in the area.