

HEY FRENCH You Could Have Made This But You Didn't

EDIZIONE III

VINIFICATION

This wine is the most powerful expression of the characteristics of the vineyards of origin, located in several different areas on the Veronese side of Mount Calvarina, in the easternmost part of the Soave designation. A blend of the best vintages of the last decade (2019, 2018, 2020, 2017, 2016) selected as the maximum expression of the vineyard throughout its history. For each year selected, the vinification of white grapes takes place with maceration on the skins for about 10 hours. Later, alcoholic fermentation is activated with selected yeasts at low temperatures. A partial malolactic fermentation follows with approximately 10% of the product in barriques. The process continues with aging in second-use wood for about 6 months. Then the wine is placed in steel tanks for further refinement.

TASTING NOTES

A wine of great ageing potential. A stylistic effort designed to obtain a unique complexity and structure through the skilful combination of the different characteristics represented by various vintages. Garganega gives the wine structure, freshness and fragrance with floral notes and intense minerality, a profound expression of the volcanic-origin soil composition. When tasting, it expresses aromas ranging from chamomile, almonds and citrus to delicate notes of white pepper and tropical fruits.

MULTIVINTAGE NOTES

HARVEST / 2019

2019 was a fairly rainy year. Spring was widely variable with a hot, dry March and a cold, rainy two-month period in April and May. The very hot summer also had two significant heat waves in late June and late July. Numerous heat records were recorded during the late June heat wave, with highs reaching 38°C. Despite this, the abundant spring rains had left the soil with a good supply of water to withstand a hot June with no rainfall.

HARVEST / 2018

A vintage with particular implications in the Soave area: temperatures slightly above average and tropical atmospheric phenomena, with strong and abundant rains alternating with hot and sunny, although windy days, accelerated the phenological phases. Germination, flowering, closure of the bunch and veraison benefited from this particular seasonal trend, which led to a few days early in the harvest for all varieties, in particular for Garganega. The 2018 harvest, despite the particular and complex climatic conditions, proved to be particularly favorable and expressive especially for vineyards at higher altitudes, where the effects of hot days were less intense.





HARVEST / 2020

The 2020 vintage started with a mild winter with little rainfall and then changed in the spring, especially in April and May. The summer months were optimal with no extreme temperatures and a perfect water supply.

HARVEST / 2017

This harvest can be defined as one of the most complex of the last 30 years. Low rainfall (also in winter) and high temperatures during the summer significantly affected the 2017 season, which led to grapes for a wine with a strong personality and precise style.

HARVEST / 2016

Vintage characterized by heavy rains and a not-exuberant production with grapes reaching the average of recent years in terms of sugar and acidity, but with excellent quality characteristics for the other components. The analytical picture of the grapes during vinification has led to a more "classic" fruity and floral wine.

THE VINEYARD Monte Calvarina is a small vineyard of four and a half hectares that, at the highest point, reaches 600 meters a.s.l with south-western exposure. The vineyard is situated in the Soave area on a hilltop of eruptive basaltic soil with large calcareous outcrops. From a climatic point of view, the area is favoured by the altitude that provides fresh and breezy summers with large temperature fluctuations. This guarantees optimal accumulation of noble substances in the grape, encouraging the production of wines with great minerality and longevity. The structure and complexity of this wine guarantee an extreme ageing potential.



Awards

Geographic area

Monte Calvarina vineyard Soave area

Grapes/Blend

Garganega. Pinot Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc

Ageing

About 6 months per vintage and then refining in steel tanks Alcohol by volume

13.5%

PH 3.16

Total acidity 5.48 g/l

Residual sugar 1,45 g/l

Edizione III

James Suckling - 92 points

Edizione II

Falstaff Wein Guide Italien 2023 - **92 points**

James Suckling - 92 points

Wow! The Italian Wine Competition - Gold Medal

Edizione I

Robert Parker Wine Advocate - 92 points

Decanter World Wine Awards - 91 points

Annuario dei Migliori Vini Italiani 2020 Luca Maroni - 90 points

Gambero Rosso 2020 - Due Bicchieri rossi

James Suckling - 92 points

Mundus Vini - Best of Show Veneto white

Jancis Robinson - 16.5 points