



## **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 **GRAPEVINE MANAGEMENT** 

Integrated pest management

with low environment impact **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** 37,5 cl / 75 cl / 150 cl **AVAILABILITY** Early spring one year and a half after the harvest

## **VINIFICATION**

The grapes are harvested at the perfect degree of sugar and phenol content, then destemmed and crushed. The resulting must is then allowed to macerate and ferment on the skins in steel vats. During this period, pumping over is carried out frequently to favour 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 with the wine pouring under gravity into 2,500 litre French oak barrels in the cellar where it matures until the month of February, when it is bottled.

## **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, which are perfectly amalgamated with the notes of the French oak in which the wine has matured.

## **PAIRING SUGGESTION**

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