





## **SCHIOPPETTINO**

**GRAPE VARIETY** Schioppettino **GROWING ZONE** Oriental Friuli Hills **TYPE OF SOIL** Marl and sandstone from Eocene age also known as "ponca" **TRAINING SYSTEM** Traditional Friuli single inverted **PLANTING DENSITY** Vines/ha 5.500 **GRAPEVINE MANAGEMENT** Integrated pest management with low environment impact **HARVEST TIME** The first week of October HARVESTING Manual ACIDITY Total 5,5 gr/L **ALCOHOL CONTENT** 14,00% vol. SERVING TEMPERATURE We recommend the use of a wine decanter a short time ahead, serve at 18 - 20° C **BOTTLE SIZES** 75 cl / 150 cl / 300 cl **AVAILABILITY** At least two years from the harvest

## VINIFICATION

Schioppettino is one of the true indigenous grape varieties of the Colli Orientali del Friuli. The grapes, which are extensive thinned out in June, are strictly hand-picked and laid in small cases for a slight raisining. The grapes are then destemmed from the stalks and gently crushed. The resulting must is fermented on the skins with indigenous yeasts for approximately 20 days. During this period, pumping over is carried out frequently to favour the transfer of colour and the noble components that define such an illustrious red wine from the skins to the fermenting must. After racking, the wine is left to rest in 500 litre French oak tonneaux for almost two years. The wine is only presented to the consumer after a suitable resting and maturing period in the bottle. **TASTING NOTES** 

The wine's distinctive deep red colour stains the glass and creates dense, consistent legs. Swirling the glass releases an elegantly full and decisive bouquet with notes ranging from dried fig and walnut to balsamic scents of wood with a slight undertone of small black berries. The palate is generous and decisive, filling the mouth with a velvetiness, yet compact and determined with perfectly amalgamated noble tannin components, reiterating the wine's entire aromatic spectrum in orderly succession.

## **PAIRING SUGGESTION**

A stately wine for meditation and to accompany strongly flavoured dishes: excellent with roasts, rich red meats, wild feathered game and strong cheeses.