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LUGANA DOC 2021



This Lugana is made from the selection of the best bunches of Turbiana and takes its name from our vineyards near the small village of Montonale, called Montunal in the local dialect. It is the authentic expression of the native grape variety, which shows here all its uniqueness and personality.

Grape variety: 100% Turbiana, hand harvested to ensure gentle handling.

Vineyards: careful selection of the most suitable grapes for the production of this wine in our vineyards located in the small village of Montonale; thanks to the excellent sunlight exposure and the good ventilation, the grapes can reach a perfect ripeness.

Soils: clay soils with high limestone content and rich in minerals.

Vine training system: guyot, 5/6 buds per vine.

Season in the field: the fresh and late spring led to a regular but postponed bud sprout, which lengthened the ripening times of the bunches. The rest of the summer proved to be climatically favorable, without the feared heat peaks. The harvest, carried out by hand in boxes in two steps, began on September 20th and ended on October 20th. Thanks to the achievement of perfect ripeness and an optimal physiological balance of the grapes, we can confidently state that this is to be recorded as one of the best vintages of the last 10 years.

Yield: 10,000 kg per hectare.

Winemaking: the bunches are manually selected and cooled before the pressing in order to preserve the aromatic precursors. A soft pressing takes place in anaerobic conditions (with the absence of oxygen) to avoid the oxidation of the aromatic compounds. Only the free-run juice obtained at very gentle pressure is used for the production of this wine; the must clarification is done by natural settling. Fermentation occurs for about 10 days in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperature. The wine is aged on its fine lees for at least 6 months with constant lees stirring and it benefits of a short bottle ageing before release.

Tasting notes: bright color, pale straw yellow with greenish reflections. The nose expresses floral and fruity notes dominated by aromas of white pulp fruit, citrus, a hint of tropical fruit and broom, with balsamic notes of thyme and intriguing mineral hints of damp stone. In the mouth it reveals a perfect balance between freshness and structure, with a pleasant mineral flavor that gives depth and persistence to the finish.

Alcohol: 13,5 % Vol.

Food pairings: ideal as aperitif, it goes well with baked, grilled or boiled fish dishes, in particular preparations based on lake fish such as trout, perch and whitefish. Try it with Gardesana-style herring, a traditional local dish.