



MONTONALE

ORESTILLA

LUGANA DOC 2021

The Lugana Orestilla takes its name from the precious marble sarcophagus dedicated to the Roman matron Orestilla, found in the vineyard in the XVIIth Century. Thanks to the unique soil composition, the native grape variety Turbiana creates a rich, wide and longlasting Lugana.

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

Vineyards: a single-vineyard of 2 hectares (about 5 acres) called Orestilla, in Montonale village, south facing, with excellent sunlight exposition and good ventilation, which allow a perfect grape 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 the vintage 2021 is to be recorded as one of the best ones of the last 10 years.

Yield: 9,000 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 pressures 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 8 months with constant lees stirring and it benefits of at least 10-month bottle ageing before release.

Tasting notes: a pale yellow colour with golden hues, the radiant nose captures with refined aromas of sweet citrus, pineapple and peach, alongside an energizing mineral note and wet stone hints that enhance its complexity and elegance. The palate is juicy with a lively, refreshing acidity, pineapple and herbs notes reflecting the nose. It is enthralling and invigorating, with a deep, mineral finish.

Alcohol: 13,5% Vol.

Food pairings: it honours perfectly many fish dishes: fish soups, shellfish, grilled fish and fish stew. Try it with “aolette del Garda in carpione”, a very traditional, tasty recipe with lake bleaks!

