



MONTONALE

ORESTILLA

LUGANA DOC 2022



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 2022 vintage saw an early spring. The rain at the end of August and beginning of September favoured a perfect ripening of the grape, and thanks to our clay soils, which are able to retain moisture, the vines withstood the hot season very well. With a 15% lightening of the grape load, we can say that this favourable vintage has given more structure to the wine, while preserving freshness and acidity. The harvest, carried out by hand, began in mid-September and ended in early October.

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!