

James
Suckling
93 PTS
2015



TASTING NOTES

A solid red from the Friuli region... structured and deep with a red fruit set and elegant tannins.

Schiopetto

Podere dei Blumeri Rosso

COUNTRY	ABV
Italy	14.5%
REGION	VARIETALS
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	50% Merlot
APPELLATION	50% Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso
Venezia Giulia IGT	

WINERY

It all began in 1965 when Mario Schiopetto took over care of the vineyards surrounding the Archbishop's Palace at Capriva. He completely reinvigorated the abandoned Friulano vines and eventually managed to purchase the property in 1989. Mario, fully aware that the real wealth and strength of his business lay in the soil and the health of his vines, transformed the unkempt terrain into carefully tended vineyards. He worked hard to create a unique plot that took full advantage of the "Ponca" terroir: the typical clay and limestone Friuli terrain.

Over time, his children joined him in the business—Maria Angela, Carlo, and Giorgio—continuing his project in the vines and cellar with sensitivity and respect, love of tradition, and real passion.

In April 2014, the Rotolo family took ownership of the property, with every intention of continuing carrying forward Schiopetto with Mario's philosophy and dedication.

CULTIVATION

This blend of Merlot and Refoscolo del Peduncolo Rosso is the result of a project which began in 2000, after a careful evaluation of the climatic and soil characteristics of the state called Dei Blumeri in Collio Orientale del Friuli. Manually harvested the second or third week of September.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation for 10-15 days in large wooden vats at 25° C.

AGING

Aged in oak barrels of 225 and 500 liters for 14 months, aged for a minimum of 18 months in bottle.