

Tenuta Sant'Helena

Ponca Grown and Collio Crafted

COUNTRY
Italy

REGION
Friuli-Venezia Giulia



Winery Quick Facts

Philosophy	Vineyard Size	Altitude	Soils
Traditional	Approx. 50 Hectares	200 Meters	"Ponca" (Calcareous Marl and Sandstone)
Grapes Grown	Types of Wine	Year Founded	Winemaker
Pinot Grigio, Pinot Bianco, Friulano, Ribolla Gialla, Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet, Pinot Noir, Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso	Collio DOC, Venezia Giulia IGT	1980	Alberto Zanello



The Three Things To Know

1. Ponca Soils and a Rare Microclimate

Tenuta Sant'Helena benefits from the rare Collio microclimate, protected by the Julian Alps and open to the Adriatic, combined with the fertile Eocene sandstone marls ("Ponca") that give Collio wines remarkable structure, personality, and aging potential.

2. Focused Clonal Research

The estate emphasizes careful clonal selection and enhancement of Friulian indigenous grapes, producing limited-edition wines that fully express the distinctive characteristics of Collio's vineyards.

3. Limited Production, Superior Expressions

Production at Tenuta Sant'Helena is deliberately small, ensuring exceptional quality, intricate aromatics, and a refined balance to offer distinct examples of the unique Collio terroir.

Our Relationship

"I don't recall exactly how I met Marco Fantinel, but every day since has been memorable. He is incredibly dynamic in the market and a true ambassador for Friuli."

- Charles Lazzara, Volio Imports Founder & CEO

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92, James Suckling

"Rocciaponca" Pinot Grigio 2024
Collio DOC | 100% Pinot Grigio



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"Judri" Sauvignon 2023
Collio DOC | 100% Sauvignon



"Caterina" Ribolla Gialla 2024
Collio DOC | 100% Ribolla Gialla



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"Mario" Refosco 2018
Venezia Giulia IGT | 100% Refosco dal
Peduncolo Rosso



"Venko" Collio Rosso 2017
Collio DOC | Merlot, Cabernet, Pinot Noir