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### TASTING NOTES

Radiant white with subtle aromas of bell pepper, banana, and apple and a dry, velvety palate. This grape, one of the greatest of Friuli winemaking, reveals all its elegance and style.

Pairs well with fish dishes.

## **Fantinel** Borgo Tesis Sauvignon

COUNTRY Italy ABV 1**2.5%** 

REGION Friuli Venezia Giulia VARIETALS Sauvignon

APPELLATION DOC Friuli

#### WINERY

Fantinel was founded in 1969, when restaurateur and hotelier, Paron Mario Fantinel, acquired his first vinevards in the Collio area of northern Friuli. With now the third generation represented by Marco, Stefano, and Mariaelena, what started as a small agricultural company has become an internationally prestigious winery and ambassador of Friulian wine-making throughout the world. The philosophy of Fantinel is to employ passion, tradition, and innovation through a close bond with the origins and ancestral wisdom of Friuli, producing wines that embrace excellence and offer real emotions that convey the authenticity of the land.

With over 300 hectares of vineyards divided into the renowned DOC Grave, Prosecco, and Collio zones, Fantinel comprises a stunning lineup: beautiful sparkling wines, Borgo Tesis, the distinct estate of Tenuta Sant'Helena, and the crown jewel La Roncaia. Gaining success in over 90 countries at top-level, prestigious restaurants and specialized shops, Fantinel's rapidly growing success is confirmed by remarkable reviews received by international press.

#### CULTIVATION

Practicing sustainable farming. Harvest at the beginning of September.

VINIFICATION In steel vats.



#### TASTING NOTES

This shimmering straw colored Prosecco boasts delicate bubbles and enticing aromas of green apple, lemon zest and spring flowers. Just barely off-dry, Col Solivo is full of juicy ripe pear, golden delicious apple, bright citrus and a hint of almond and vanilla bean. It is hard to beat the quality of this wine for the price. A great Prosecco to start or end a meal, raise a toast or mix with fresh-squeezed orange juice for the perfect mimosa.

# Col Solivo Prosecco Extra Dry

COUNTRY Italy REGION Veneto APPELLATION Prosecco ABV XX%

VARIETALS Glera Second Varietal Third Varietal Fourth Varietal

#### WINERY

Col Solivo is a joint venture between Charles Lazzara (owner of Volio) and Fattoria II Palagio back in 2008. The idea came about as Charles was searching for an entry-level Prosecco to compete locally for the coveted by the glass pour for weekend brunch business in the Colorado restaurant scene. The owners of II Palagio offered some contacts they had in the Veneto region of Italy, home to Prosecco. After several visits to Italy and dozens of winery tastings the final blend was made and Col Solivo was created.

The style is Extra Dry, so there is a creamy mid-palate to this wine with fine perlage to the bubbles. The wine has some residual sugar, as required for Extra Dry classification, which helps round out some of the citrus fruit and provide balance to the wine. It is a crowd pleasing, affordable sparkling wine created with the idea of enjoyment and drinkability.

### CULTIVATION

Soil is limestone and clay. The must, obtained by very soft pressing, undergoes an initial fermentation at a controlled temperature of 10°C (50°F).

#### VINIFICATION

The base wine is then transferred into pressurized stainless steel tanks where the wine is made sparkling using the traditional Charmat method.

AGING Aged in stainless steel for six months.