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Fonterenza Pettirosso

COUNTRY Italy REGION Tuscany APPELLATION Toscana IGT

13% VARIETALS 80% Sangiovese 20% Ciliegiolo

ABV

WINERY

Margherita and Francesca Padovani grew up in the Fonterenza farmhouse and acquired their deep love and respect for the land over years spent playing in the hills of Montalcino. Later, when they began making wine on the site, it was practically a given that they would follow a sustainable philosophy. Their 4.2 hectares of Sangiovese are cared for entirely by hand, determined through observation of the phases of the moon and the biodynamic calendar.

Fonterenza's vineyards are all located in the Poggio San Polo area in the south-eastern part of Montalcino, along the hills that slope down from II Greppo towards Castelnuovo dell'Abate. The slopes range from 420-450 meters above rea level and are framed by surrounding woodlands the mighty Monte Amiata rising behind, with its dual function as both protective barrier from the weather and thermal regulator. The vineyards experience many hours of direct sunlight in addition to ample moisture. The soil is highly variable as well: clay, galestro, limestone, quartzite and more. Margherita and Francesca are thankful for this cocktail of influences because it adds to the complexity and unique character of their wines.

CULTIVATION Hand harvested.

VINIFICATION Fermented in stainless steel tanks. Malolactic fermentation.

AGING Aged 8 months in stainless steel.



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.