



James
Suckling
90 PTS
2018



TASTING NOTES

Ruby red with garnet tinges. Rich and powerful aroma that harmoniously combines typical herbaceous scents with intense red berries and delicate spicy notes. Full-bodied, mineral, pleasantly tannic, and elegantly velvety. A flavorful and very long-lasting red wine.

Sun Goddess Merlot

COUNTRY	ABV
Italy	13.5%
REGION	VARIETALS
Friuli Venezia Giulia	100% Merlot
APPELLATION	
DOC Friuli	

WINERY

Sun Goddess is produced with love and passion from the sun-kissed vineyards owned by the Fantinel family. Mary J. Blige and Fantinel have partnered to create a Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Prosecco, and Merlot. This partnership combines beautiful wines from Friuli Venezia Giulia with the powerhouse MJB to bring an amazing brand to life. Mary J. has eight multi-platinum albums, nine Grammy Awards, two Academy Award nominations, and many more accolades. Her love of wine was brought to life when she met Marco Fantinel, and they worked closely together to create these exceptional wines from the Northeast of Italy.

CULTIVATION

The best grapes are selected and hand-picked at the moment of perfect ripeness, normally at the beginning of September.

VINIFICATION

Merlot grapes are partially (30%) raisined for about 8 weeks. This drying method ("appassimento" in Italian) aims at obtaining a more structured, rounded, and fruity wine. Grapes are then destemmed, but not crushed, and fermented in stainless steel tanks.

AGING

After macerating for about 25 days, the wine is racked and transferred to oak barrels where it is aged for 18 months. The wine further ages in the bottle for maturity and balance.