

## **Damijan Podversic**

# Ribolla Gialla "Special Release"

Appellation: Venezia Giulia IGT Region: Friuli-Venezia Giulia Type: Botrytized savory wine, Varietal: 100% Ribolla Gialla

Certified Organic

The Special Release is a selection of botrytized Ribolla Giala grapes. The wine can only be made when conditions are perfect so this wine is not made every vintage.

## **Tasting Notes**

Color: Intense, deep orange-gold.

**Bouquet:** Intense and ethereal with pleasant notes of herbs and delicate fruity notes.

**Taste:** Not sweet but deep and savory. Elegant and substantial but not heavy, with rich and pleasant minerality.

**Unfiltered:** The presence of sediments is essential to keep the wine alive and to conserve it.

**Serving Suggestion:** The temperature must not be below 15° C (59° F). Wine born the natural way, without cooling during fermentation, is unable to entirely express its character at too low a temperature.

#### **Food Pairing**

Mediterranean cuisine.

### **Vineyard Notes**

Vineyard: Monte Calvario (planted in 1994), Gorizia.

Altitude: 140 m a.s.l. Exposure: South.

**Cultivation method:** Guyot unilateral. **Soil:** Ponca – Opoka, Sandstone/Marl.

Yield: 20 qq per Ha.

### **Winemaking Notes**

**Harvest:** Picked berry by berry the last day of the harvest, 20 October 2010. After the rain of the first week in October the temperatures dropped down allowing the grapes to conclude it's cycle and forming botrytis cinerea.

**Vinification:** The maceration begin in big barrels of oak for 60 to 90 days. Finished the fermentation it gets aged in 20 hl barrels for 6 years and rest for 4 year in the bottles. The wine is bottled with no cleaning and without filtration. The resulting natural sediments preserve and protect the wine.





Damijan Podversic started out in the family business as a negociant. But when he found a small abandoned plot in the Collio Goriziano, he ignored the common attitude that it was too difficult to work and eagerly bought it. He cleared the land, rebuilt terraces, and set to replanting it: not only does he now cultivate top-quality grapes, but his once skeptical neighbors eye his steep mountaintop vineyard with great envy. His work in the cellar is no less daring and no less successful. Breaking the confines of tradition and shunning modern practices like the use of stainless steel, Damijan pursues natural winemaking, which he learned from the great Friulian producer Josko Gravner. His Collio Biancos are fermented on the skins with natural yeasts; he never bottles or releases a wine unless it has had ample time to develop. Though already producing excellent wines, this young man holds great promise for the future.