



AZIENDA AGRICOLA DURIN

Riviera Ligure di Ponente Pigato 'Braie'

The Basso family tends some 70 separate vineyards, both in the plains around the village of Ortovero and on the region's terraced and steep hillsides, three miles away from the sea as the crow flies. Altitude here ranges from as low as 150 feet to as high as 2,100 feet; terroir is equally varied. This is the inspired madness of vine growing in Liguria—so much so that there are only a few dozen full-time producers in the entire region. Yet for those stubborn, inspired few, what Liguria can give is nothing less than extraordinary. The thread that connects the wines of Liguria is indeed the sea: whites are limpid and invigorating, reds tangy and saline-kissed. Each bottle begs for Mediterranean cuisine and lively company.

WINERY: Azienda Agricola Durin

WINEMAKER: Antonio Basso

ESTABLISHED: 1920s

REGION: ITALIA • Liguria • Ortovero

APPELLATION: Riviera Ligure di Ponente DOC

BLEND: 100% Pigato

VINEYARDS: A single-vineyard selection of older vines from 'Braie,' one of the estate's first vineyards (and one the winemaker's father used to plow with the family's ox).

AGE OF VINES: 50 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed; cold macerated for 24/48 hours. Pressed then fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled tanks. Aged in tank for one year.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of grapefruit and lemon peel, light honey, dried flowers. Medium-bodied and juicy, with a solid mineral core; finish suggests bitter almonds.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Fresh seafood; pesto dishes; baked fish



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