

## CANTINA FILIPPO FILIPPI Soave Colli Scaligeri 'Vigne della Brà'

Filippo Filippi's wines capture in bottle the unadulterated expression of his family's land, special parcels planted to ancient Garganega vines. His home and cantina in Castelcerino sits at the summit of Monte Calprea, an ancient volcano, one of many that make up Soave's highest peaks and its most treasured vineyard soils. It is a secluded spot, with some 40 acres of vineyards surrounded by an equal surface of wild forest, rich in its biodiversity—a cornerstone of Filippi's biodynamic philosophy.

WINERY: Cantina Filippo Filippi WINEMAKER: Filippo Filippi ESTABLISHED: 2003 (family growers since 1900s) REGION: ITALY • Veneto • Soave APPELLATION: Soave Colli Scaligeri DOC BLEND: 100% Garganega

**VINEYARDS:** Estate vineyards are located in an area called 'Brà,' facing southwest, at 1,600 feet above sea level. These older vines are low-yielding and are trained in pergola. Soils are mostly clay and limestone, with some basalt, a volcanic stone.

AGE OF VINES: 60 to 70 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Pressed gently; fermented in temperaturecontrolled, stainless steel 100L tanks via a "pied de cuve" (indigenous yeasts). Extended lees contact, with some lees stirring in the winter months. Malolactic conversion allowed. Cold settling; unfiltered.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of tropical fruits, pear, almonds, apple. Grows complexity and intensity with air. Medium-bodied; wonderful texture. Very mineral, notes of sea salt. Blenheim apricots, orange rind, more apple.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Rich shellfish; grilled river fish; coconut-based, mild curries







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