

AZIENDA AGRICOLA DURINRiviera Ligure di Ponente Vermentino

Winemaker Antonio Basso represents the third generation of farmers from Ortovero, and tends some 259 separate, small vineyards on steep hillsides just three miles away from the azure Mediterranean as the crow flies. Altitude here ranges from 150 feet to as high as 2,100 feet! This is the inspired madness of vine growing in mountanous Liguria—so much so that there are only a few dozen, full-time producers in the 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: 1939

REGION: ITALY • Liquria • Ortovero

APPELLATION: Riveria Ligure di Ponente DOC

BLEND: 100% Vermentino

VINEYARDS: Estate-owned vineyards are found across both terraced hillsides above the Mediterranean coast and flatter lands near the town of Ortovero and Garlenda. Soils predominantely sandy, with limestone.

AGE OF VINES: 20-40 years

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

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of honeycomb, citrus, yellow wildflowers. Delicate and fresh, very juicy; finish suggests lightly bitter almonds.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Fresh seafood; pesto dishes; baked fish

