

VILLA VARDA Friuli Pinot Bianco

To the northeast, the towering Alps; to the south, the placid Adriatic Sea. The Maccan family couldn't have found a more charmed spot to cultivate Friuli's native grapes. Here along the banks of the Livenza river in the foothills of the Alps, the classic stones of Grave mix with limestone, giving a Burgundian finesse to grape varietals such as Friulano and Refosco. With some 37 acres planted, the Maccan family insists on harvesting their bounty by hand to craft character-rich, single-varietal wines that reflect the breathtaking beauty of this mountain refuge.

WINERY: Villa Varda

WINEMAKER: Giovanni Ruzzene

ESTABLISHED: 2012

REGION: ITALY • Friuli • Prata di Pordenone

APPELLATION: Friuli DOC **BLEND:** 100% Pinot Bianco

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards are planted on clay- and limestone-rich soils, unique to the region, with topsoils of gravel, the classic terroir of Grave.

AGE OF VINES: 30 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Cool pre-ferment soak for 24-36 hours; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged on fine lees in tank for 10 months.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of white peaches, pineapple, warm spices.

Medium-bodied and plush, with good acidic balance.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled fish or shellfish; pork terrine or pâté;

chicken with herbs

