



AZIENDA AGRICOLA TARLAO

Friuli Aquileia

Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso 'Mosaic Ros'

It's time for the historic Aquileia appellation, hard by the Adriatic Sea in southeastern Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, to have its moment. Aquileia's vinous roots reach back to the Roman era, yet it is the expressive, sumptuous wines of the Tarlao family that is putting the potential of Aquileia back on the world's map. Here Pinot Bianco is luminous and racy, and other local, single-variety treasures like Malvasia, Friulano and Refosco shine. Organically minded, steeped in tradition yet focused solidly on the future, Tarlao is a delicious discovery in Friuli.

WINERY: Azienda Agricola Tarlao

WINEMAKER: Francesco Tarlao

ESTABLISHED: 1999

REGION: ITALY • Friuli • Aquileia

APPELLATION: Aquileia DOC

BLEND: 100% Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso

VINEYARDS: Alluvial soils combine silty loam with clay. The relatively flat landscape of Aquileia facilitates the classic push-pull of currents coming off the Adriatic to the south and the Julian Alps to the northeast, making the region's weather moderate and reliable, less susceptible to dramatic heat spikes (not to mention damaging humidity).

AGE OF VINES: 35 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested in late September. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in 5HL wooden tanks. Aged for 18 to 24 months in French oak barrels; then one year in bottle.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Inky purple-black in the glass; aromas of blackberries, black currant, grill char. Medium-bodied, savory tannins, juicy

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled steak, braised short ribs



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