

FRANCO TERPIN

Country: Italy

Region: Friuli Venezia-Giulia

Producer: Franco Terpin

Founded: 1994

Farming: Organic

Website: www.francoterpin.com

In San Floriano del Collio, Friuli, just a stone's throw away from Slovenia, Franco Terpin is making satisfying, textural, ripe, alive bottles – some of the best skin-contact white wine coming out of Italy. Franco farms organically with a true love for nature. Located equidistant from the Alps and the Adriatic Sea, his land is influenced by the wind coming from the mountains and salt air coming from the sea. The wines of Franco Terpin resemble Franco Terpin: his structure, decisiveness, rigor, but also his originality of style. Neighbors and friends with Radikon and Gravner, he is held in just as high esteem. The estate was founded in 1994. Today they farm 12 hectares, spread around.

Franco grows some Chardonnay and Merlot close to his house, Pinot Grigio on a low mountain nearby, and Ribolla Gialla just up the road across the Slovenian border. Terpin's vineyards are southwest facing, planted to a density of 5,000 plants per hectare. The soil is ponca, a marl specific to the region.

Quinto Quarto Bianco Sivi 2020

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- 100% Pinot Grigio
- Grapes are harvested and sorted by hand
- Grapes are de-stemmed and are macerated on the skins for 3 days.
- Wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts, is unfinned and unfiltered.
- Wine ages in stainless steel for 8-10 months.

Tasting notes - Bright pink color. A rich olfactory range of citrus peel, sweet spices and resin accompanies a delicious, fresh, mineral and light tannins. Plentiful red fruit and good acidity.

Quinto Quarto Ribolla Gialla 2020

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- 100% Ribolla Gialla
- Grapes are harvested and sorted by hand
- Grapes are de-stemmed and are macerated on the skins for 3 days.
- Wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts, is unfinned and unfiltered.
- Wine ages in stainless steel for 8-10 months.

Tasting notes - Golden yellow color. On the nose aromas of ripe fruit with mineral notes. On the palate it is pleasant, medium-bodied and very glou glou.

Quinto Quarto Bianco 2020

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- Pinot Bianco, Malvasia blend
- Grapes are harvested and sorted by hand
- Grapes are de-stemmed and are macerated on the skins for 3 days.
- Wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts, is unfinned and unfiltered.
- Wine ages in stainless steel for 8-10 months.

Tasting notes - Golden color. The olfactory profile is composed by notes of chamomile, yellow fruits and honey, a fresh sip, with a mineral and sapid aftertaste.

Franco Terpin Quinto Quarto Rosso 2020

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Refosco
- Grapes are harvested and sorted by hand
- Grapes are de-stemmed and are macerated on the skins for 7 days.
- Wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts, is unfinned and unfiltered.
- Wine ages in stainless steel for 12 months.

Tasting notes - Medium bodied, but super juicy and can be chilled. Intense aromas of red fruits and flowers on the nose, with notes of wet earth and undergrowth. On the palate it is tasty and juicy, with good freshness centered on the crunchiness of the fruit.