## I CLIVI RIBOLLA GIALLA





Region: Friuli, Italy

**Appellation:** Venezia Giulia DOC **Grapes:** 100% Ribolla Gialla

Farming: Certified organic

**Age of vines:** Planted in 2009

Altitude, Aspect, & Soil Type: 200 M, S Facing, Ponca (sandstone

marl)

**Typical Harvest Time:** Early October

Maceration & Fermentation: Controlled low temperature fermentation

in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts

Aging: 6 months in stainless steel, 6 month on the lees

Finishing: Light filtration

Production: 20,000 bottles annually

## **Notes from Oliver:**

I Clivi began in 1995, when Mario Zanusso and his Ferdinando father purchesed 3 old vineyards in Collio and Colli Orientali appellations of eastern Friuli. When describing the ethos of the estate, Ferdinando says, "My idea was to let history speak through the wine, by making as "transparent" a wine as possible, in which soil, climate and tradition may come fully through and be perceived without interferences."

I Clivi's Ribolla Gialla is grown in the Colli Orientali, near their Galea vineyard. Their interpretation is complex and distinctive, showing notes of herbs, citrus, almond, and flowers. Very mineral and very fresh, with mouthwatering acidity. A great food wine, but also beautiful as a dry aperitif. Pair with cheese, light meats, and seafood.