

LE FRAGHE BARDOLINO CHIARETTO ROSÉ 'RODON'



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The two grape varieties are vinified separately. They are given a cool temperature, 6-8 hour maceration on the skins, which extracts just enough color to give a lively, medium-bodied hue to the juice. The must then ferments at a cool 62°F. The finished wine matures on the fine lees in stainless steel tanks until the following spring, when it is bottled.

Matilde Poggi took over the family estate in 1984, the first year in which the grapes were not sold to another winery. Today she has 69 acres under vine, mainly Corvina with a little Rondinella and Garganega. Her wines, regularly acclaimed by the critics (Vinous, Decanter, Gambero Rosso etc.) capture the elegance and freshness typical of the best Bardolino. The picturesque countryside surrounding Le Fraghe winery; Monte Baldo rising up so majestically to the north, Lake Garda with its uniquely Mediterranean climate; the Valdadige that conveys the cool winds from the north; has always been famous for its outstanding wines. The earliest evidence for cultivating grapes for wine, in fact, goes back to the Paleovenetian age in the 8th-7th centuries BC. Everything Poggi does in the vineyard is aimed at respecting and preserving those unique and literally incomparable qualities that she finds only in her wines. She has recently completed the conversion to organic viticulture and is fully certified.

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Tasting Note:

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Corvina & Rondinella. Aromas of wild rose, strawberry & redcurrant; savory flavors balanced with tasty minerality; crisp & elegant; full-bodied with excellent supporting tannins & acidity; long finish. Organic.

Shelf Talker:

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