



Le Monde, Cabernet Franc, 2013, Grave DOC
Region: Friuli Alcohol: 13% Grape Varietal: 100% Cabernet Franc

HISTORY

The winery of Le Monde was founded as a wine-growing business of Villa Giustinian in Portobuffolè, an ancient village that was already documented in 997 as a castle and river harbor of the Venetian Republic. Today it is the only rural house still operating in the lands that were once property of the Villa. Although falling under the Friuli Grave registered designation of origin, Le Monde is characterized by a calcareous clayey soil that differs from the soils that are to be found in the usually gravelly areas known as Grave. Originally property of the Pistoni family, the farm together with the vineyards was acquired by Alex Maccan in 2008.

In terms of terroir, the most important influence on Friuli-Venezia Giulia's vineyards is their position between the Alps and the Adriatic. The higher elevation vineyards feature brighter acidity and typically white grapes. Le Monde is located lower down and closer to the coast, maritime conditions moderate the diurnal temperature variation. This creates more stable, reliable weather, offering local viticulturists the luxury of choice in their terroir and typically where you find more international varieties like Cabernet Franc.

VINEYARDS

The winery covers 40 hectares cultivated with vineyards aged over 30 years, and is characterized by a vast area formed by the alluvial cones of the Meduna, Cellina and Tagliamento rivers. Soil composition is clay and limestone. The growing system used is spurred cordon and Guyot. Vineyards feature a North-south exposure with approximately 4500 vines per hectare situated at an average elevation of 50 feet.

WINEMAKING

Grapes are hand harvested in early October. Careful grape selection and thorough inspection takes place during the pressing phase followed by slow fermentation in stainless steel for 20 days at 60°F with daily plunging for 14-20 days. There is an additional six months of ageing, also in stainless steel followed by 3-4 months in bottles before release. 20,000 bottles produced.

TASTING NOTES

The wine is a bright ruby with a faint garnet rim. On the nose it has fresh raspberry and smoke, with black and green pepper coming through. On the palate the wine is lively, with under ripe red fruits of raspberry and clove and subtle green tobacco notes. The lack of oak treatment keeps this wine fresh, juicy and lively.