## VILLA MONTECASTELLO/TUSCANY & FRIULI



Our home in Tuscany, the Villa Montecastello, has not only opened its doors for guests interested in exploring the wine and foods around the region, but also offers warm evening gatherings, incredible meals and beautiful, comfortable overnight accommodations. For these purposes a house wine was needed. We all love to enjoy Brunello and Barolo, but we don't want to drink BIG every night. Fun summertime activities and long outdoor meals often call for a fine wine that is easy, true to its core and available without limits. No competition, no points, no sophistication, we seek out the best of our local grapes to make wine we cannot live without any longer – just like bread! A pure pleasure to drink in every way.

## VILLA MONTECASTELLO – PINOT GRIGIO DELLE VENEZIA IGT



**Varietal composition:** 100% Pinot Grigio **Appellation:** Delle Venezie IGT

**Production Area:** Friuli

Vineyard: Spilimbergo (PN) 120 meters

Vineyard practices: Low environmental impact, drastic limits in the use of

fertilizers and pesticides

Plot characteristics: Magredi (alluvial & gravel soil)

Yield: 10 tons per hectare
Planting Density: 4000 vines per hectare
Harvest Date: End of August 2016

Fermenters: Temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

Fermentation: Commercial yeast

Maceration: None

**Aging:** 5 months stainless steel, 2 months bottle

**DESCRIPTION**: Our white wine is a Pinot Grigio produced at the important viticultural Domaine of Forchir Vinyards located just below the Friulian pre-Alps. From three different vineyard lots, with the main location spread over 100 hectares in one single piece of the gravel drenched soil closest to the Alps. These vineyards are exclusively composed of fist size pebbles and bigger stones left behind as the end moraine of a glacier which pushed down from the Alps several million years ago. Here, and only here, true mineral driven Pinot Grigio of Italy can be produced that distinguishes itself from what this grape cannot produce elsewhere.

**TASTING NOTES**: This beautiful wine greets you with Hawthorn and Granny Smith apple, performs round and balanced on the palate, pleasantly persistent on the finish with just the slightest sensation of tannins typical for true Pinot Grigio.

## VILLA MONTECASTELLO – CHIANTI DOCG



Varietal composition: 100% Sangiovese Appellation: Chianti DOCG Production Area: Gaiole in Chianti

Vineyard: Rocca di Castagnoli vineyards
Vineyard practices: Organic (in conversion)

**Plot characteristics:** Soil with high limestone content, 350 meters

Yield: 1.5 Kg per plant
Planting Density: 5000 vines per hectare

Fermenters: Temperature controlled stainless steel

**Fermentation:** Indigenous yeast **Maceration:** 10-12 days

**Aging:** 6 months cement tank, 3 months bottle

**DESCRIPTION**: Made on the vineyards of our trusted friends at Rocca di Castagnoli, a short drive from Villa Montecastello. In the pure air of the highest altitude vineyards of the Chianti hills these organically grown (still in conversion) Sangiovese grapes yield a trademark impression of red fruit and, depth and freshness that made these hills so famous. This is our quintessential Chianti, our liquid food on the table. Never too heavy, but with the depth and finesse of an elegant wine.

**TASTING NOTES**: All the zest from fresh prunes and raspberries with a hint of cinnamon and tobacco; pleasing, lingering and full of character.