

# Fantinel Estates

Global Ambassador of Friuli



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Stefano and Marco Fantinel

Family Fantinel unites personal passion with regional tradition and unique style to promote the wine culture of Friuli.

**M**arco and Stefano Fantinel are the 3rd generation at the elegant Fantinel Estates in Spilimbergo. 300 hectares of estate vineyards are distributed throughout Friuli in the renowned Grave, Prosecco, Collio, and Colli Orientali appellations. Fantinel exports to 90 different countries and has a firm presence in top restaurants, hotels and specialized wine shops around the world. Excellent reviews from the international press confirm the quality of their wines.

“Paron” Mario Fantinel was a restaurateur and hotelier with such a tremendous passion for wine that he purchased vineyards in Collio in 1969. The wine

business grew and thrived and grew in the hands of Mario’s three sons Luciano, Gianfranco and Loris. Loris’s son Marco and Gianfranco’s son Stefano have now steered the company to become an internationally acclaimed producer.

## Premium white, red, and sparkling

Fantinel wines are divided into different series or brands according to their provenance. “Our first vocation is to honour Friulian terroir with typical varietal wines that authentically express their origin”, explains Marco. “Our central focus is the vineyard, where we respect

nature’s rhythms and the plant’s vegetative balance to attain optimal fruit and, consequently, high-quality wines.”

Premium wines are produced from the Tenuta Sant’Helena vineyards in Collio. Indigenous varieties like Ribolla Gialla, Friulano and Refosco, and international varieties, such as Pinot Grigio, have been carefully selected to match the mild climate and fertile sandstone marl soils. The white wines comprise fragrant, mineral varietal wines and a complex blend called Frontiere. The powerful, rich red wines mature in oak barrels; the flagship, Venko, is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Pinot Nero.

The boutique winery La Roncaia in Colli Orientali features red and white varietal wines with cool-climate appeal. The flagship Refosco demonstrates the “appassimento” technique that has characterized the winery from the very beginning. An outstanding blend of Sauvignon and Picolit called “Eclisse” offers outstanding expression, while two extraordinary DOCG wines, Ramandolo and Picolit, demonstrate that Friuli counts among the world’s greatest origins for unique sweet wines.

Fantinel is one of the region’s most important producers of sparkling wines. The stony soils and diurnal temperature fluctuations of Grave comprise an ideal terroir for a broad assortment of sparkling wines. The new “One&Only” Prosecco Vintage Brut, borne from the desire to produce the best Friulian Prosecco, and “One&Only” Rosè Brut, a Pinot Nero-based cuvèe, are the prestigious products that crown the assortment.

Rocky soil of Collio



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