



Ronco dei Tassi®



The name Ronco is Friulian for “hillside, terraced vineyard” and tassi means badgers. Ronco dei Tassi is a little nook of paradise bordering the splendid National Park of Plessiva; one of those rare locations where you feel nature and man are in perfect harmony. This unique balance is a key element in the Estate’s philosophy of practicing sustainable and natural farming. Founded in 1989 by Fabio Coser, the property was named after the numerous badgers at home in this untouched natural scenery. Initially a consulting enologist, Fabio’s earlier career allowed him privileged knowledge of the area’s terroir and styles, so that by the time he chose a winery of his own, he already knew Collio like the back of his hand – and belonged here as surely as most of Italy’s finest whites. Today, the winery and vineyards are family run by Fabio with wife Daniela and their two enologist sons, Matteo and Enrico. The property has increased from the original 22 acres (9 hectares) to 62 acres (25 hectares), 45 of which under vine (over 18 hectares), all in the heart of Collio (district of Cormons). The soil is calcareous marl, terraced at 140-200 meters (about 460-660 ft) above sea level. The vine training is Cappuccina and Guyot. Substantial investments have been poured into creating a new, state-of-the-art underground winery and barrique cellar, comprising of 300 French and American barriques. The oak is carefully moderated to maintain varietal character and goût de terroir: the wines age briefly in barrique so their unique fruit, fragrance and finesse are neither stifled or distorted by the wood.

Collio Rosso Riserva DOC “Cjarandon”

The only red wine produced by Ronco dei Tassi, the “Cjarandon” is only released in very favorable vintages. The wine takes its name from the vineyard plot where the grapes for this Collio Rosso Riserva are grown. The nose is generous, intense and persistent with notes of dark fruit, black pepper and graphite. On the palate, the wine is bright and juicy, round, full and velvety with a fine dusting of tannins and a beautifully long finish.

Grapes: 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard: Cjarandon

Vine Age: 30+ years old

Altitude: 150 meters above sea level

Wine-making: Fermented in stainless steel

Aging: Aged 24 months in Allier barriques (60% new, 40% 2nd use) + 48 months in the bottle

2020 Vintage Review: 93 Points, Vinous: “The 2020 Rosso Riserva Cjarandon is darkly alluring, with a spicy bouquet of rose petals, cedar and cloves giving way to crushed raspberries. It is cool-toned in feel, with a tart citrus tinge that offsets its ripe red and blue fruits. A collection of fine-grained tannins frames the finish as the 2020 tapers off potent with a wild berry and mineral saturation that lingers incredibly long. Have patience with this blend of 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc.”

