



Benvenuti

Istra, Croatia

The story of the Benvenuti winery is a story of family, tradition and terroir. It began in 1946 when Petar Benvenuti planted his first vineyard, which is still cultivated today. The expansion of the vineyard continued in 2000 when Livio Benvenuti, together with his sons Albert and Nikola, planted new vines. The goal of family Benvenuti was to produce high quality wines and create a recognizable brand from three indigenous Istrian varieties: Istrian Malvasia, Teran, and Muscat. Throughout history, these three varieties gave the best results in Istria. In 2003 the family Benvenuti received their first gold medal.

Today the family has 15 hectares (37 acres) of vineyards. The terraced vineyards are placed on specific micro locations at about 250- 400m above sea level. The heart of the vineyard is the location of San Salvatore, which is located at an altitude of 400m. The vineyards are located on a white soil (limestone) which along with the special micro-climate give the wine rich aroma and a pronounced minerality, freshness, and full reflection of the quality of the varieties. Annual production of wine is about 70,000 bottles.



Benvenuti Caldierosso

Quality Wine of Controlled Origin

Albert and Nikola Benvenuti wanted to celebrate other European varieties and add some diversity to their vineyards and winemaking. They felt that Nebbiolo, Tempranillo and Merlot were three grape varieties most suited for the soil and microclimate of their region. They chose to plant them in the Santa Elizabeta vineyard site at 350 meters above sea level which has an ideal south facing slope and best sun exposure in the region. Each lot is fermented and aged separately in Slavonian Oak barrels for 12 months.

This unique blend of equal amounts of Teran, Nebbiolo, Tempranillo and Merlot is as surprising as it is exciting. Complex and layered with notes of raspberries, vanilla, strawberries, blueberries, carob and oregano.

Variety: Teran, Nebbiolo,
Tempranillo, Merlot

Category: Dry red wine

Alcohol: 13.5%

Vineyards: St. Elizabeta

Size of the vineyard: 4ha

Growing form: single Guyot

Altitude: 350 m

Yields per hectare: 4 000kg

Picking: manual

Yeast: native, spontaneous

Aging: 1 year large oak barrels

Production: 5,000 bottles

