



TORRAI CABERNET RISERVA PIAVE D.O.C.

GRAPES: Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Carmenère, in varying proportions depending on the growing year, grown exclusively in our estate vineyards

GROWING AREA CHARACTERISTICS

LOCATION: Vineyards in the Castello San Salvatore area

ELEVATION: 50 metres

ASPECT: South

SOIL PROFILE: Predominantly clay.

VINEYARD DENSITY: 4,000 vines per hectare

VINEYARD AGE: 20 years

HARVEST INFORMATION

VINEYARD YIELD: 80 quintals per hectare

HARVEST PERIOD: 20 September-10 October

VINIFICATION: this wine is made from late-harvested clusters that were then given a partial drying in special drying lofts. After de-stemming and pressing, the must ferments and the wine is given a lengthy 15-day maceration on the skins. Upon conclusion of the (spontaneous) malolactic fermentation, the wine is clarified then matured for 12-24 months in large 5hl casks and 50hl oak ovals. The final blend is then assembled and the wine bottled.

BOTTLE-AGEING: 8-12 months in wine caves

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.5% vol.

Acidity: 5 g/l

pH: 3.6



SENSORY PROFILE

This is a classic Italian-style Bordeaux blend--elegant, lean and dry, yet warm, well balanced, and beautifully proportioned. The impressive body and weight can already be glimpsed in the lovely, deep ruby red, shot through with garnet. The nose displays its austere yet supple character, with wild berryfruit melding into hints of vanilla, both heightened by a balsamic charge that serves to balance the overall aromatic complex. A stand-out on the palate are the ultra-silky, dense-packed tannins, beautifully balanced by a notable acidity and concentrated but judicious pulp. The alcohol makes itself felt, but remains well within bounds, and the wine, in spite of body and alcohol, is destined for lengthy cellarability. Classic accompaniments are wintertime dishes, such as braises and stews, and slow-cooked meats, but its partnership with roasts of pork, kid, lamb, and wild game will be treasured. A must-try is with long-aged cheeses, whose assertive character and fragrances are a delicious foil to the alcohol and spiciness of this wine.

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