



CANTARUTTI



OUR HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

Cantarutti Estate is located in the heart of the *Colli Orientali del Friuli*, one of the most important DOC area in the whole Region, Friuli Venezia Giulia; San Giovanni al Natisone, is a small town in the middle of Rosazzo hills, at the top of these beautiful hills the famous Abbey makes the scenery very unique.

Protected by the Julian Alps, here the vines are sheltered from the cold northerly winds and benefit from a good ventilation thanks to the proximity to the Adriatic Sea, this makes this place the best for grape growing.

The Estate was born in the late sixties when friulian wines and viticulture were finally gaining an international reputation. It was the long view of Alfieri Cantarutti which convinced him to believe and to invest on these, now famous, hills: thanks to his enthusiasm and his love for tradition, the Estate increased its holdings until the present 54 hectares; those feelings and that dedication have been passed to his daughter Antonella, who today runs the Winery with her husband Fabrizio. She constancy manages with perseverance the sales & marketing and administrative division, while her husband takes care of the production, the harvest and the vinification.

Cantarutti Estate produces wines of particular interest and value (appreciated both in national and international markets), thanks to accurate varietal selections together with the most sophisticated wine making techniques. The style is more and more recognizable thanks to the personal strong mark; the company gets constantly better and gathers a qualified and well motivated staff which gets along very well.

Among the wines, besides the already known *Pinot Grigio*, *Sauvignon*, *Chardonnay*, *Merlot*, and the autochthon *Ribolla Gialla*, *Friulano*, *Picolit* and the special *Pignolo*, there is the *Pinot Nero*, real pride and untouchable joy of the Estate, which has given birth to the two millesime: in 1982 *Epilogo* and later *Prologo*.

In 1999 there was a first step of change: while *Poema* (a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon) was already well-established, Antonella entered into the markets her own wine, *Canto*, made of Tocai Friulano, Pinot Bianco and Sauvignon. Since June 2003 two "Grand Cru" selections have been added on the national and international scene: *Pinot Grigio Ronco San Michele* and *Merlot Ronco San Michele* coming from selected grapes.

During the 2005 harvest, Cantarutti Estate started a partnership with an American company, specialized in the use of low temperatures: the result of this project was a new Excellence Line of Wines named "*Terre di Rosazzo*", introduced to the mass media and into the market at the beginning of Spring 2008.

The annual production is about 100.000 bottles; a network of commercial agents takes care of the national market, while abroad (Japan, Brazil, Switzerland, Great Britain, Holland, Danemark) there is a profitable cooperation with competent importers who assure a steady growth together with a more influential and capillary presence.