



Name: Rodica Refošk Reserve

Classification: Dry red wine

Varietals: 100% Refošk (Refosco)

Appellation: Truške, Istria, Slovenia

Density & Yield: 4,000 vines/ha; 0.8 kg/vine

Annual Production: 10,000 bottles

Alcohol: 13.5%

Climate: Mild Mediterranean, with dry and hot summers, and mild winters.

Terrain: The picturesque hills near Marezige and Truške are located 5 km from the Adriatic sea, more specifically the Gulf of Trieste. Rodica family vineyards are planted at 250-350 meters asl, terraced, facing South. They enjoy significant day-night temperature swings, constant breezes, which keeps the vineyards well-ventilated and naturally healthy for organic farming. The soil is rich with minerals, consisting predominantly of limestone. The vines are forced to “fight” to get water, which results in better quality grapes.

Farming: Certified Organic. Every second row of the vineyard is empty and planted with grass. Only natural fertilizer produced from natural manure is allowed. The vineyards are worked without any irrigation.

Vinification: After de-stemming the grapes are macerated with the pulp and skins for just a few hours and spontaneous fermentation begins. The wine is then transferred into 3-7 year old used barrique barrels where it matures for 3 years. Bottled unfiltered.

Tasting Notes: The nose offers aromas of black pepper, coffee, chocolate and herbs as well as plum, raspberry and sour cherry marmalade. The body is medium, and the palate is fresh, elegantly balanced and mineral. The characteristic bright acidity of Refosco is harmoniously integrated with spicy fruit and velvety tannins. We recommend decanting and allowing the wine to breathe for 30 minutes before consuming.

Perfect for mature cheeses, smoked brisket, any grilled meat, sausages or wild game.

Winery: In 1998, Marinko Rodica, a car mechanic by trade, decided to start a new chapter in his life and became a winemaker. 10 years later, in 2008 Rodica family winery had sixty thousand vines and was certified organic. The brand new environmentally friendly and energy efficient wine cellar was completed in 2012. None of this would be possible without Marinko’s vision and passion and the support of his entire family. Today, Rodica estate organically farms 15 hectares of vineyards, with most of them planted with Malvasia and Refošk.