



**Name:** Rodica Malvadiesel

**Classification:** Dry white wine

**Varietals:** 100% Malvazija Istriana

**Appellation:** Truške, Istria, Slovenia

**Density & Yield:** 5,000 vines/ha; 1 kg/vine

**Annual Production:** 5,000 bottles

**Alcohol:** 13%

**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:** Fresh Malvasia with 8 hours of cold skin maceration, fermented naturally strictly with native yeasts, aged for 6 months in 2500L acacia barrels and then in stainless steel until bottling and bottled unfiltered.

Malvasia is the fuel that drives the Rodica family! Malvadiesel is an ode to the humble and raw roots of Marinko Rodica and his path from humble car mechanic to winemaker to bring the Rodica family to being one of the top producers of natural wines in Istria.

**Tasting Notes:** Malvadiesel is a youthful, fresh, and unfiltered expression of Malvasia Istriana. White flowers and fresh yellow fruit on the nose, popping with peach, pineapple, and green tea. Balanced texture from subtle skin contact, with a touch of bitterness on the finish.

**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.