

i Clivi

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Friuli Venezia-Giulia, Italy



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(Malvasia Vigna 80 Anni Collio 2022) "One of Italy's best white wines in almost every vintage, the 2022 I Clivi Malvasia 80 anni is a knockout. Pale, green-tinged color. Pear, tangerine, lemon ice and crystallized citrus peel on the nose, along with intensely aromatic notes of fresh ginger, diesel fuel and lemongrass. Rich and spicy, with an almost exotic oily character and a suggestion of caramelized citrus peel nicely framed by bright harmonious acidity that really extends the fruit and spice flavours on the chewy, lightly saline fruit- and spice- driven finish." 94 points, Ian D'Agata, Terroir Sense (April 2024)

"I Clivi has mastered a style of precision and purity based on natural practices, traditional varieties and a sense of place." Eric Guido, Vinous (April 2024)

I Clivi, located in Friuli Venezia Giulia, is an exciting young estate from Mario Zanusso. He owns 12 hectares, across two hillside vineyards, one in Brazzano di Cormons, in the Collio DOC district, and one in Corno di Rosazzo, in Colli Orientali DOC. I Clivi's aim is to reflect the uniqueness of this complex, mineral and expressive terroir, through the use of indigenous grape varieties and a hands off, less is more approach to viticulture and vinification. The pure simplicity of their style is what makes these wines so compelling. Full of character, natural concentration and effortless elegance.

Planted with native varietals; Friulano, Ribolla, Verduzzo and Malvasia. They work with very old vines, between 60 and 80+ years, that are deep rooted in these clay, limestone and sedimentary rock soils of marine origin. Sustainability is a very important part of their ethos, they cultivate the land according to organic standards for which their vineyards are certified. In the cellar they ensure absolute integrity and neutrality of their wines through the use native yeasts, spontaneous ferments, no maceration, no chemicals and stainless steel tanks where the wines mature for several months on the lees.

It is a matter of fact that Friuli has struggled with the identity of its wines for some time, with confusing and opposing styles and an overwhelming number of both indigenous and "international" grape varieties. I Clivi sets out to address this confusion by using a minimal intervention approach, allowing the terroir and their regional grapes to speak for themselves. I Clivi are producing what we believe to be the essence of this land and true expressions of these native grapes.

Code	Label name	Vintage	Alcohol	Closure type	Case size
White Wine					
IC0221	Friulano Collio 'San Lorenzo'	2021	13.0%	Cork	6X0.75lt
IC0122	Malvasia Collio 'Vigna 80 Anni'	2022	14.0%	Cork	12X0.75lt
Red Wine					
IC0623	Cabernet Franc	2023	13.5%	Cork	6X0.75lt