

Producer Fact Sheet July 2024



## RONCHI DI CIALLA

## Friuli Venezia-Giulia, Italy



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Ronchi di Cialla, a 28 hectare historical Friulian Estate, is a small, family run business. Established in the 1970s, they have established a reputation as one of the finest producers of age-worthy wines in Fruili.

'Ronchi', in Fruili's dialect, means hills cultivated by vines; 'Cialla' is a small valley surrounded by woods with chestnut, oak, and wild cherry trees. Located in the Cialla valley, one of three sub-zones in Colli Orientali del Friuli, it is a picturesque area with perfect growing conditions for the indigenous grapes. The company philosophy has always been to work solely with indigenous varieties, such as, Ribolla, Refosco, Schioppettino, Verduzzo, and Picolit. In fact, the Rapuzzi Family restored and revitalized the Schioppettino grape from near extinction, defying the odds and local wine laws.

Their viticultural practices involve minimal treatment with non-polluting products, while vinification is carried out naturally. Their continued commitment to agriculture innovation and ecologically-friendly methods have earned them their "biodiversity friendly" certification by the World Biodiversity Association. This accolade is granted to those with a commitment to progressive increases in biological diversity, conservation through the use of natural practices, and minimal interference farming techniques.

## "This remains one of the absolute top producers in Friuli, frankly in a league of their own, thanks to the long-standing traditions that the Rapuzzi family have upheld and their unique terroir. The winery literally stands at the top of their hillside vineyards, surrounded by a valley of thick forests. Anyone looking to understand the importance of Friuli's indigenous reds and whites owes it to themselves to seek out this portfolio." Eric Guido, Vinous (April 2024)

(1983 Verduzzo di Cialla) "From the fantastic 1983 vintage, and made with a very underrated Italian native grape variety, this knockout sweet wine boasts truly magical acid/sugar/tannin/fruit balance, showcasing like words cannot do just how great Verduzzo wines can be.. While sipping, I couldn't stop myself from thinking what a pity it is that more people do not have the opportunity to drink wines and vintages like this one, for it would really open their eyes to the magic of generally unknown grapes and wines." 98 points, lan D'Agata, Terroir Sense (February 2024)

Code	Label name	Vintage	Alcohol	Closure type	Case size
White Wine					
RC0123	Ribolla Gialla	2023	12.5%	Cork	6X0.75lt
RC0221	Cialla Bianco	2021	12.5%	Cork	6X0.75lt
RC2521	Cialla Bianco - Magnum	2021	12.5%	Cork	3X1.5lt
Red Wine					
RC0521	Schioppettino RiNera	2021	12.0%	Cork	6X0.75lt
RC0617	Schioppettino di Cialla	2017	12.5%	Cork	6X0.75lt
Dessert Wine					
RC1018	Verduzzo di Cialla - Half Bottle	2018	13.5%	Cork	12X0.375lt
RC1583	Verduzzo di Cialla	1983	12.0%	Cork	6X0.75lt