

## FACTSHEET OF CAPO MARTINO

**Soil type**: Composed of prevalent marls and sandstones belonging to the flyschoid formation of the Eocene age, which give rise to a rocky substratum which, transforming itself, forms the "ponca".

Varieties: white local grapes from Friuli Venezia Giulia

Place of production: Dolegna del Collio

Exposure: Southeast to southwest

**Alcohol content:** 13 - 13,5%

Training: Guyot

First vintage: 1991

Shelf life: 8 to 10 years

Denomination: IGT Venezia Giulia Acidity: 4.50-5.50‰ Harvest period: September

**Capo Martino** is the name of the hill purchased by Silvio Jermann in 1991 in the municipality of Dolegna del Collio, and already used as an observation point during the war. The homonymous vineyard covers 7.5 hectares and was renovated from 1996 to 2003, albeit maintaining the traditional local varieties.

**Ageing:** "It was born from the idea of obtaining a blend of different varieties vinified in the traditional way as my father Angelo used to do, with a short maceration on the skin, fermented and aged in oak barrels for 12-16 months and released two years after the harvest".

**Tasting Notes**: "Beautiful golden yellow in color, brilliant and luminous. The nose is intense and complex, with notes of ripe fruit – Mediterranean and tropical – and dried flowers, barely touched by a subtle veil of vanilla. Apples, bananas, hazelnuts, genista and passionflower stand out. On the palate, it's pure velvet, showing perfect balance of flavors, delicate aromatic qualities, endless persistence. Excellent with chickpea puree and sautéed octopus with rosemary." (from the 2006 Guide *Duemilavini* of the Italian Sommeliers' Association, *A.I.S.*, on Capo Martino 2003)

**Historical Notes**: The 1991 harvest occurred on the  $110^{th}$  anniversary of Anton Jermann's arrival in Villanova. Silvio Jermann and his family celebrated this unique occasion by producing for that vintage only, a wine called *Piccolo Sogno verso una terra promessa* ("Small Dream towards a promised land"), which evoked an ancient heritage and past farming traditions of this soil. Therefore the choice to produce a field blend of local grapes. The label for *Piccolo Sogno* expressed elements deeply rooted in the farming world: sun, water, grapes embodying the fruit of the soil, fish as religious symbols. The philosophy and vision that went into that 1991 "Small Dream" continues with Capo Martino – a wine combining elegance, structure, complexity and consistency.

With the vintage 2016, Capo Martino celebrates its first 25 years.

With the 2016 vintage Capo Martino gets the 3 glasses and is proclaimed White Wine of the Year by the Gambero Rosso Guide edition 2019. It is only the last of a series of awards that has seen him as a leader this year, in fact with the same vintage it conquers the 4 vines of the Guide Vitae AIS and obtains the "Great Wine" award of the Slow Wine guide, finally the Corona with the Guide Vinibuoni d'Italia dedicated to native vines.