



# PINOT GRIGIO DOC 2023

FRIULI COLLI ORIENTALI, ITALY



**VARIETALS:**  
100% Pinot Grigio

## OVERVIEW

Livio Felluga moved to Friuli in the late 1930s and made his home on the gentle foothills of Rosazzo. Convinced that only a rebirth of quality farming could bring the Friuli countryside back to life, he began to renovate the old vineyards of Rosazzo and plant new ones, introducing innovative ideas and methods. The focus on quality and respect for the vineyard once embodied by Livio Felluga himself have been proudly carried out by the family over the years. Today, the 500-acre winery is led by Livio's son, Andrea Felluga, who is committed to continue the family legacy by producing wines of distinction for years to come.

This celebrated variety derives from a bud mutation of pinot noir. Pinot grigio favors cooler climates and finds its ideal habitat on the hillsides. Livio Felluga's vinification technique gives the wine finesse and elegance while preserving the faint coppery highlights that are pinot grigio's hallmark. Without doubt, it is the best-known Friulian wine around the world.

## WINEMAKING

The harvest took place during the first half of September. The healthy and perfectly ripe grapes were hand-picked in small crates, to preserve the integrity of the fruit. After gentle destemming the fruit was left to macerate for a short period, then softly crushed, and the must obtained was clarified by decantation. Temperature-controlled fermentation followed in stainless steel vats. At the end of fermentation, the wine was kept on the lees for a few months to increase its complexity, creamy texture and suitability for ageing. Once bottled, it matured in temperature-controlled rooms.

## TASTING NOTES

The color is an intense straw yellow with lively golden reflections. The nose is intense and enveloping, with a broad and highly refined aromatic complement. Aromas of broom flowers and rose follow notes of apricot, yellow peach, royal jelly and ginger, with hints of rosemary, tarragon, marjoram and a delicate hint of eucalyptus leaves and flint. On the palate, there is good structure and perfect balance. The aromatic return is refined, expressing sensations of papaya, Golden apple, dehydrated apricot and sage. It closes with a persistent, savory finish with hints of candied citrus fruits.

**92**  
POINTS  
**VINEPAIR**

Livio Felluga is a commanding presence in the U.S. market, showing us how delicious wines from Friuli can be. The winery's entry level Pinot Grigio has a subtle nose with delicate notes of peaches, white flowers, and herbs. It offers a rich, round mouthfeel with soft notes of baked apples and apricots, lifted by fresh acidity.

**90**  
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A simple yet precise wine with a good finish. Salt-and-pepper minerality with pear and citrus notes. Light-bodied with a silky texture, crisp acidity and a fruity finish. Drink now.



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