

GIOL MERLOT

Vintage: 2008
Appellation: Veneto, Italy
Varietal: 100% Merlot
Alcohol: 12%
pH: 3.4
Residual Sugar: 5.60 g/L
Winemaker: Francesco Feletto

**Organic
Certificate:**

Grapes and facilities have been certified by USDA Accredited ICEA (Istituto per la certificazione etica e ambientale) and are compliant with the National Organic Program of the USDA.



Soil: Gravel/ Silt/ Sand
Pruning: Single Curtain
Yield/hectare: 11,000 kg

Vinification: Manual harvest at optimum phenolic ripeness, crushing, destemming, addition of cultured yeasts. Maceration for 6-7 days followed by drawing off the lees. Pumpover repeated 3-4 times a day. Primary fermentation is followed by racking, light clarification to stabilize the proteins and subsequent filtration. Bottling is carried out several times a year in order to ensure that the product is always fresh; the wine is cold stabilized to avoid the precipitation of tartaric acid and bottled in sterile conditions following aseptic filtration.

Notes: Pale ruby red in color, revealing its nature as an easy-going wine ideal for everyday drinking with food. Its nose shows very delicate floral notes which combine nicely with aromas of fresh berry fruit and wild cherry. The well orchestrated, balanced and slightly tannic palate boasts an attractive plush finish. Accompany with meatloaf, crepes stuffed with roasted vegetables, charcuterie (mortadella) served with Parano cheese.

Winery: Giol is the oldest documented winery in Italy, dating back to 1427. Their grapes are grown exclusively from grapes grown on their family's historic La Bicana, Il Bassonet and Spiridiona estates. Giol seeks to combine high quality winemaking with respect for the environment by farming their 25 hectares of vineyards with organic methods. They have been certified organic since 1987; two main reasons prompted them to switch to organic methods: concern for their consumer's health and out of respect for the environment.



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