

STURM

# Merlot

2017

Just the red wine  
you dream of:  
generous and has all  
its land within.



varietal

merlot

14%

alcohol

30

years

average vineyard age

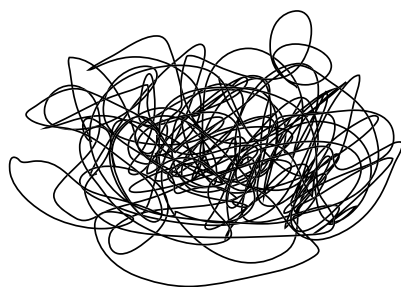
**IN THE COLLIO AREA, THIS IS THE RED WINE PAR EXCELLENCE; GENEROUSLY, IT OFFERS DOZENS OF FEELINGS. YOU CAN EASILY FALL IN LOVE WITH A WINE LIKE THIS. MERLOT IS A DEEP AND ROUND WINE, AND AS WARM AND COSY AS YOU LIKE IT. IT ALLURES YOU AND KNOWS WHEN TO LET GO. A REBEL AND INDIVIDUALIST, IT SEEKS ITS FREEDOM. IT EVOLVES EVERY VINTAGE THOUGH REMAINING TRUE TO ITSELF.**

#### **SUSTAINABILITY: ORGANIC WINE**

Our organic approach to the vineyard involves compliance with a large number of rules and staying true to a genuine philosophy which profoundly respects the ecosystem and its cycles. And not just the life-cycles of the vines but also the lunar cycles, on which we base our yearly calendar in guiding our work in vineyard and wine cellar. It is, in fact, the phases of the moon that establish time and manner. And we actually pick all the grapes separately. This process involves considerable effort and is done following the lunar calendar. But it pays us big dividends: because it has brought us back a healthy environment, huge biodiversity, and the extraordinarily rich largesse bestowed by all the plants, herbs, flowers and insects that live in the vineyard and contribute naturally to the sustainability and preservation of the ecosystem.

#### **VARIETAL**

Merlot



#### **VINEYARD**

Average vineyard age: 30 years

Vine system: guyot

Harvesting period: last ten days of September

Grape harvest: by hand

Area of Production: Cormòns (Gorizia)

#### **WINEMAKING**

The grapes are de-stemmed and are left to macerate for 20 to 25 days. During this period, fermentation is assisted by regular remontage, delestage and air mixing. The wine is then racked in oak barrels where it ages for 20 months before being bottled. Before going on the shelf the wine ages in the bottle for approximately 10 months.

#### **TASTING PROFILE**

Warm, fruity, deep, international with lots of red cherry.

It has an intense and deep ruby red colour.

The appealing nose has cherries, marasca cherries, red berries that mingle with intense spicy notes.

In the mouth it is rather firm, harmonious and enveloping.

It has a nose of blackberries, blueberries and liquorice and offers intense aromatic notes.

Its persistence is excellent.

#### **FOOD PAIRING**

It matches very well with grilled red meats and mature cheeses.

**SERVING TEMPERATURE:** 16°C

**ALCOHOL:** 14% vol

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5,80 g/l

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