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Unveiling the legacy of 2022: Torre Rosazza's quintessential white wines

Marrying tradition and modern technique in the heart of Colli Orientali

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In the heart of Oleis di Manzano, the hills of Colli Orientali of Friuli resonate with history and tradition, intertwining past with the present through the art of winemaking. As 2022 unfurls its vintages, Torre Rosazza emerges as a luminary in the narrative of white wines, showcasing varieties with deep connections to the Ponca soil - a unique sedimentary blend of clayey marl and sandstone layers.

Tradition Marries Technique: The Essence of Torre Rosazza

Torre Rosazza, a name synonymous with Friulian winemaking heritage, masterfully juxtaposes age-old traditions with cutting-edge techniques. The winery tells a tale of two souls - the Friulian ethos and the contemporary viticulture methods. Its expansive estate, stretching over 100 hectares, is graced with the presence of the Julian Alps to the north, providing protection against cold gusts. Meanwhile, the Grado Lagoon softens the marine breeze emanating from the Adriatic Sea.

The secret to the distinct aroma, character, and longevity of Torre Rosazza's wines lies in the perfect diurnal temperature variation and its meticulous cellar operations. Every step accentuates the aromatic profile of the grape varieties and amplifies their ties to the terroir. This results in white wines that offer a modern, yet sublime, reflection of Friuli.

Ponca and Ronchi: A Dance of Topography and Tradition

The winery's vineyards, known as Ronchi, cascade over the hills in terraced patterns, painting a picture of geometric beauty. Giovanni Casati, Head Enologist and Agronomist of Le Tenute del Leone Alato, illuminates the essence of planting on these Ronchi. The multiple exposures offered by these hilltops optimize grape ripening and aroma development.

Ponca, the signature soil of Colli Orientali of Friuli, plays a crucial role in Torre Rosazza's winemaking philosophy. The clayey marl and sandstone formation not only ensures water regulation but also induces a unique form of stress in the vines. This 'stress' acts as a trainer, conditioning the fruit and endowing it with attributes essential for longevity.

Innovation amidst Climate Challenges

In the face of climate adversities, Torre Rosazza leans into innovation. Casati mentions the KRYOS technique, a method applied during the vinification of white wines. By using liquid carbon dioxide, it prevents oxidation, preserving the innate aromas of the grapes and ensuring superior quality.

The 2022 Vintage Showcase

- **Friuli Colli Orientali Friulano 2022:** The Friulano, once known as Tocai, stands as an enological beacon of the region. With its bright light-yellow hue, this wine allures with aromas of wildflowers, jasmine, pear, and intriguing hints of incense and saffron. A mineral note graces the palate, making it an impeccable pairing for local cured meats, eggs, asparagus, risottos, and fish.
- **Friuli Colli Orientali Ribolla Gialla 2022:** This ancient Friulian grape variety, cultivated in the Rosazzo hills, boasts of a fresh and vibrant character. Its aromatic profile is laden with floral notes, complemented by undertones of cantaloupe and red orange.
- **Friuli Colli Orientali Pinot Grigio 2022:** With its long history in Friuli, Pinot Grigio encapsulates intense aromas and impressive concentration. The 2022 vintage paints a picture of warm, dry conditions, resulting in a wine with pronounced floral notes and a refreshing palate.

Torre Rosazza: A Friulian Gem

Anchored by the architectural wonder of Palazzo De Marchi, Torre Rosazza stands as a testament to the fusion of culture, tradition, and innovative winemaking. The winery's endeavors, rooted deeply in the Colli Orientali, go beyond just producing exquisite wines. It carries forward the legacy of the region, focusing on preserving the unique identity and character of each variety.