

GRADIS' CUITTA

COLLIO



West of the city of Gorizia in northern Italy, there is a group of hills known as Collio. The Isonzo River flows through this hilly stretch to the southeast, the Iudrio Creek to the northwest, while to the south, it merges into the Friulian plain.

The Collio is known as one of the best white wine regions in Italy. The area lies in the province of Friuli Venezia Giulia on the border with Slovenia between the towns of Prepotto in the north, Cormons in the west in Gorizia in the east.



Appreciated not only for its wines, but also for fruit and olive oil, Collio was once a backdrop for skirmishes during the Great War. Around the world, its name is synonymous with high-quality white wines. Gradis'ciutta is not only tied to history and geography, but behind the name, which stems from a rural hamlet close to San Floriano del Collio, lies an enduring tradition that dates back to the Austro-Hungarian invasions. Before carrying the name Gradis'ciutta, this place was known as Monsvini, which in Latin means "Mount of Wine."



The soil is relatively consistent throughout Collio. It is a type called ponca in Italian and opoka in Slovenian. It looks like a series of compressed stones, made of hard, compacted sandstone and marl. On the surface this stone breaks very easily. This broken stone will mix with the organic matter and the clay portion to create a very good growing environment. Ponca brings pronounced texture, concentration, and extract to friulano, a variety that tends to delicacy.

As a historical notary deed proves, already in 1780, the Princics were producing wine in Kosana. The brand's name and historical place are known to bear excellent vines. The soul behind the constantly evolving reality of Gradis'ciutta is Robert Princic...always supported by his hard-working parents, Isidoro and Ivanka. Today, thanks to the work of the entire family, 62 acres of the total 87 acres located in Gorizia, Capriva del Friuli, and Dolegna del Collio have been planted to vine.



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