



Galea rosso 2002

Colli Orientali del Friuli D.O.C.

Site of vineyard: Locality “Galea” on the hill of Gramogliano, in the *comune* of Corno di Rosazzo, province of Udine.

Characteristics of vineyard: Planted with very old vines - aged 60 years.

Vintage: A cold and exceptionally dry winter to March, fortunately balanced by abundant rainfall and warm temperatures in April and May favouring early budding. Low temperature and heavy rains however in the first decade of June, delaying flowering and causing poor fruit set with consequent small crop; thereafter high summer setting in and lasting till vintage time, though without the usual drought in August. A small crop then of ripe, healthy grapes picked in good weather conditions on the 2nd of October.

Production: less than 2.1 tons per hectare, for some 2.700 bottles.

Grape varieties: 100% Merlot.

Typology: Red wine; alcohol 13.5% by volume, total acidity (tart.) 5.0% ca.

Vinification: Indigenous (grapes’ own) yeasts only, long fermentation at low temperatures and moderate *remontages*. Matured in used Allier barriques.