



Livio Felluga

Created in 1981, Terre Alte is a balanced blend of Friulano, Pinot Bianco and Sauvignon grapes, estate-grown at Rosazzo in the historic Terre Alte vineyard. This elegant wine has intense fruit and flower aromas and outstanding structure.



Terre Alte 2018

Friuli, Italy

Intense straw yellow in colour, this wine is intense, elegant, complex and rich on the nose. Aromas of exotic fruit are perfectly integrated with notes of sage, white peach, elderflower, citrus peel and sweet almond. Full-bodied, structured and layered, this fine wine has a refreshing savoury minerality followed by a long, complex finish, with hints of candied citrus and vanilla.

Vineyards:

The vines are Guyot trained, with an ecologically sustainable approach to viticulture. Livio Felluga owns 135 hectares of prime vineyard in Rosazzo, the best area in Friuli. The quality of the grapes reflects this even in difficult vintages.

Vinification:

The bunches were carefully destemmed and left to macerate for a short period. Next, the fruit was gently crushed, and the must allowed to settle. The Pinot Bianco and Sauvignon Blanc fermented at controlled temperatures in stainless steel tanks, where they matured for about 10 months. The Friulano fermented and aged in small French oak casks. After ageing for around 10 months, the wines were blended. This was then followed by nine months of ageing in bottle before release.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 50% Friulano, 25%
Pinot Blanc, 25% Sauvignon Blanc



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James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2018)

Aromas of papaya, jack fruit, grapefruit seed, waxed lemon, thyme, wild herbs and crushed stones. It's medium-to full-bodied with a textured palate. Complex layers of fruit, herbs and minerals. Some anise and spice, too. Fantastic blend of friulano, pinot bianco and sauvignon. Drink or hold.



Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2017)

A landmark wine for the region, the Livio Felluga 2017 Rosazzo Terre Alte is a careful blend of Friulano, Pinot Bianco and Sauvignon packaged in a heavy bottle with the estate's distinctive geographic map depicted on the front label. The 2017 vintage threw some big challenges at vintners with hot summer temperatures and excessive rains in September. However, white varieties such as the ones used in this blend managed a good window for optimal ripening. The wine is deceptive, and I mean that in a good way. On first examination, the bouquet feels fruity and lean. But as the fiber of the wine settles on the palate, you are made aware of the unexpected complexity and depth delivered in a second wave. The wine rushes with intensity. Fruit, peach and honey segue to crushed sandstone and dried basil. This is a keeper.



Wines & Spirits (W&S) : 93 Points (2017)

Terre Alte (friulano, pinot bianco and sauvignon blanc) is the most balanced and elegant of Livio Felluga's three white blends from the 2017 vintage (Illivio and Abbazia di Rosazzo are also recommended here). Initially reticent on the nose and the palate, it begins to unfurl by the third day, showing flavors of pineapple, white peach and mandarin orange couched in a texture that feels like fresh cream. Decant it half an hour before serving with a rich poultry dish.



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