

## **Meroi Sauvignon**

Winery: Meroi

Category: Wine – Still – White Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc Region: Buttrio/ Friuli-Venezia/ Italy

Vineyard: Vigna Dominin

Feature: Organic

Winery established: 1920



## **Product Information**

Soil: Eocenic Marl (Ponca), a calcium rich mudstone. South/East facing

Altitude: 394 feet above sea level

Age of vines: 30 years

Vinification & Yield: Gently pressed. Fermented with selected yeast. Aged for 11 months in 50% new

barrique.

Yield: 6000/8500 vines/hectare

Tasting Note: Nice minerality from the calcium rich soil. A wine with good acidity, flowery aroma and

herbaceous finish with great complexity.

Alc: 14% vol

## **Producer Information**

The Meroi Estate is located in Italy's Northeast Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, in the Buttrio area of the Colli Orientali del Friuli DOC. Buttrio is a hilly, high elevation area, ideal for vine growing and approximately 40% of the farmland in Buttrio is devoted to the famous white varietals of Friuli, which include Ribolla Gialla, Malvasia, Chardonnay, Pinot Bianco, Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc as well as red varietals of Merlot and Refosco. 34 acres vineyard with strictly organic cultivation.

Meroi was founded in 1920 by the current owner Paolo Meroi's great grandfather, Domenico Meroi. In 2004 Meroi decided to purchase land in the Zitelle vineyard, which is considered one of the premier vineyards in the region. Once an old clay quarry, this northern exposed vineyard is kissed by the heavy sun of Buttrio during the day and cooled by the north winds during the night, which perfect for the grape varietals of this region. After the purchase Meroi did an extensive survey on the terroir to determine which varietals would do best, and in what specific location in the vineyard, then divided the land in 9 different parcels best suited for each varietal. In 2013 Meroi released their first vintage from Zitelle. A Sauvignon Blanc from the Barchetta parcel and a Malvasia from Durì. Today, Paolo and his son Damiano continue to practice the tradition started back in the in 1920 by Domenico and is at the forefront of Friulian wine.