

# LA CADALORA

Situated in the town of Santa Margherita, in the southernmost part of Trentino, the estate of La Cadalora extends its 12 hectares of vineyards in three different plots: about 5 hectares on the calcareous soils close to Marco di Rovereto and the remaining 7 hectares in two calcareous conoids of Valle Cipriana and San Valentino, at the foothills of Monte Zugna. The soils of the latter contain higher percentages of clay while the former are gravelly/sandy and calcarous.

In the eighties Rodolfo and Tiziano (a trained oenologist from the renowned Institute of San Michele all'Adige) took over the management of their father's estate and immediately set to work: the traditional "Pergola

Trentina" training system was modified in order to obtain a vineyard density between 5,000 and 8,000 vines/hectare ensuring a maximum of 1 to 1.5 kgs per plant. Viticulture became strictly environment friendly by eliminating chemicals: "sexual confusion" practice is followed for insect control, only Bordelaise poulitice is sprayed and grass is left on the aisles. Green pruning, topping of the vines and deleafing keep the plants balanced and when necessary and depending on the varietal, fruit is thinned by cutting the second cluster or the "wings" of the clusters.

The varietals grown are Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, a little Sauvignon Blanc, Gewürztraminer, Pinot Noir, Marzemino and Casetta

(these last two planted right after World War One, Casetta being a very ancient and rare varietal).

The stile of Tiziano is one after my own heart. The white wines are superbly characterized by a rich, buttery structure and powerful varietal aromas. The level of the reds is also very high, the wines made from Casetta and Marzemino definitely worth a try.

La Cadalora represents more than the discovery of a fine producer, it is the long sought find of a winemaker who, thanks to his outlook and capacity, produces outstanding wines from Italy. ◇



## Pinot Grigio La Cadalora

Zone: *Santa Margherita, Vallagarina*  
 Varietal: *Pinot Grigio*  
 Vineyard Ext.: *3 hectares*  
 Average Prod.: *35,000 bottles*