

2020 Elvine Chardonnay

Barone Ritter de Zahony, Friuli - Aquileia, Italy

The Wine:

100% Chardonnay is made from the "Il Bosco" plot of the Estate vineyard near the town of Aquileia. The grapes are hand harvested and destemmed prior to being gently pressed. Fermentation occurs in a combination of stainless-steel vats and neutral French oak barriques. Frequent batonages (stirring of the lees) and ageing for 10 months brings out richness and complexity.

The Estate:

Barone Ritter de Zahony is in Friuli near the town of Aquileia, an area famous for its wine production since 180 BC. The winery itself is located in an ancient Monastery that dates back to the 11th century. The property was purchased in 1850 by the Ritter de Zahony family and today it is managed by Guido Federico Rossignoli along with his wife Roberta and his sister Sabina Rossignoli. Carrying on the traditions of the family and growing the grapes using sustainable agriculture they produce small quantities of wonderful wines.

Tasting Notes:

Color: Straw gold

Aromas: White peach, Alpine flowers, golden apple and brioche

Flavors and Texture: Peaches, saline minerals and toast. The body is round and rich, well supported by the natural acidity of the fruit.

Food Pairing: Seafood chowder served with crusty French bread.

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