



# RUSSIZ SUPERIORE

<b>WINERY NAME:</b>	RUSSIZ SUPERIORE
<b>WINERY LOCATION:</b>	Capriva del Friuli (Gorizia province), Friuli-Venezia Giulia
<b>VINEYARD LOCATION:</b>	Capriva del Friuli (Gorizia province), Friuli-Venezia Giulia
<b>VINEYARD LAND:</b>	125 acres (50 ha)
<b>FARMING PRACTICES:</b>	Organic
<b>GRAPE VARIETIES:</b>	Pinot Grigio, Pinot Blanc, Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Ribolla Gialla, Friulano, Verduzzo, Cabernet Franc
<b>WINE STYLES:</b>	Dry white; dry red
<b>WINE REGIONS:</b>	Collio DOC
<b>TOTAL WINE PRODUCTION:</b>	200,000 bottles (150,000 liters)
<b>YEAR FOUNDED:</b>	1967
<b>OWNER(S):</b>	Ilaria Felluga
<b>WINEMAKER(S):</b>	Alessandro Sandrin and Ilaria Felluga



In the commune of Capriva del Friuli, in the heart of the Collio Goriziano wine area on the border of Slovenia, is the estate of Russiz Superiore. Russiz as a place-name is traced back at least as far as 1273, when a certain Raimondo della Torre became the patriarch of Aquileia (basically, prince-bishop of Friuli). He named his estate Russiz Superiore due to its high (superior) location above the hamlet of Russiz. The estate passed through innumerable hands over the next several centuries, but was apparently known for most of that time as a source of fine winegrapes. In 1967, the property became available for sale. Marco Felluga owner of a self-named winery in the nearby town of Gradisca d'Isonzo recognized the superb potential of the vineyard land and bought it. He knew the estate, already famed for its Cabernet Franc, could become the jewel of the family holdings. So, rather than folding Russiz Superiore into the family's existing vineyards, he decided to maintain it as a separate working estate, vinified and bottled as a distinct brand.

Marco Felluga represented the fourth generation of a wine merchant family that had begun plying its trade in Istria (part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire) in the late 1800s. His grandfather had begun selling wine in Friuli after World War I, and the family ended up relocating permanently to Italian Friuli after World War II and the loss of Istria to the Soviet Bloc under Yugoslavia. Marco Felluga had founded his winery in Gradisca d'Isonzo in 1956 and was ready to expand with the purchase of Russiz Superiore a decade later.

Roberto Felluga, son of Marco and the fifth generation, took over the family wine business in 2000 and continued to elevate the quality of the Russiz Superiore wines through a more sustainable approach to viticulture and winemaking. His work in both estates was seen as beneficial by his peers across the region and Italy as a whole. Unfortunately Roberto passed away in the Fall of 2021, leaving his family's legacy and future to his daughter, Ilaria Felluga, the sixth generation of the family to oversee the wineries. Ilaria started working alongside her father in 2017, and today she is leading with a focus on sustainability and creating the highest quality wines possible, while gaining a reputation for her dynamic

personality and devout knowledge of Friuli and her family's legacy in helping to establish it as a premier winemaking region.

Russiz Superiore wines use only estate-grown fruit with several native and international grape varieties, mainly white but also red. To further distinguish the Russiz Superiore wines, the white wines generally have about 15-20% of the juice fermented in new oak barrels. Like wines from Marco Felluga line, they are designed to improve with age for several years. The well-respected Cabernet Franc vines also produce an excellent red wine for the portfolio.

## WINES IN THE RUSSIZ SUPERIORE PORTFOLIO

- Russiz Superiore Sauvignon Collio DOC
- Russiz Superiore Sauvignon Collio DOC Riserva
- Russiz Superiore Friulano Collio DOC
- Russiz Superiore Pinot Grigio Collio DOC
- Russiz Superiore Pinot Bianco Collio DOC
- Russiz Superiore Pinot Bianco Collio DOC Riserva
- Russiz Superiore "Col Disòre" Collio DOC Bianco
- Russiz Superiore Cabernet Franc Collio DOC

