LE MONDE

Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy

HISTORY

Alex Maccan, along with his wife, Marta Paladin Furlan, purchased LeMonde in 2008 from founders the Pistoni family (1970). Marta, along with good friend and fellow architect Alessandro Isola, designed the renovation of the 18th century historical villa. The trio created a winery where tradition finds the right combination with modernity and design elegance. No expense was spared to bring in the latest of winemaking technology. They designed all aspects of the winery to reflect a modern approach to winemaking and respect and sensibility to nature. Solar panels generate 70% of the winery's electrical needs. The design elements throughout the spectacular winery are modern and exciting.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The soils are a mixture of clay and chalk. The vines were planted with a density of 1,200-2,000 vines/acre. Most vines are over 30 years of age. Indigenous and international grape varieties make up the mix. Alex farms in a sustainable manner and as close to organic as nature will allow. Wooded areas on the borders of the property were extended to further protect the vineyards from neighbors who may not share his dedication to the environment. 7 ha (17 acres) lay fallow for three years, so that in 2015 the land could be farmed organically.

At harvest, dry ice is used to keep the grapes cool on their short journey from the vineyard to the winery. The latest bladder press equipment is utilized for gently pressing of the fruit. Wines are vinified in stainless steel tanks to retain freshness of flavor and aromatics. Tanks are filled with nitrogen prior to the wine entering the tank. This new technique allows Alex to use less sulphur in the winemaking process. Fermentations are temperature controlled to be long and slow to bring out richness and aromatics.

Appellation
DOC Friuli Grave

Year Founded 1970

Proprietor Alex Maccan

Winemaker Giovanni Ruzzene

Annual Production 220,000 btls

Varieties Cultivated
Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Friulano, Pinot Bianco, Pinot Grigio, Ribolla Gialla, Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso, Sauvignon

Farming Practices Sustainable