

FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

## BORTOLUZZI

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**Fast Facts**

Vineyard surface:  
125 acres (50 hectares)

Owner:  
The Bortoluzzi Family

Winemaker:  
Giovanni Bortoluzzi

Established:  
1982

Location:  
Gradisca d'Isonzo

Province:  
Gorizia



### THE HISTORY

The Bortoluzzi estate was founded in 1982, but Giovanni Bortoluzzi had already been working in the wine industry for nearly two decades. A graduate of enology from the Scuola Enologica di Conegliano, the top enology school in Italy at the time, Giovanni was twenty years old when he started in the vineyards. By 37, Giovanni was known as the “wine ambassador” of Collio and Isonzo and was already at the peak of his career as consultant and bottler for several top growers in Friuli.

This unique experience and in-depth knowledge of the region’s star appellations gave Bortoluzzi a head start. Giovanni was able to select a few ideally placed vineyards on the gravelly, mineral-enriched deposit of the diverted Isonzo River. “I recall my first harvest when the children were still quite small,” says Giovanni with a smile. “There was a real sense of satisfaction in seeing that those vines, which had been cared for so painstakingly and so long, had rewarded my efforts.”

Giovanni has always believed that the entire family should be able to participate in the winery and thus works side-by-side with his three children. A team of technicians and highly qualified staff, whose standards are every bit as severe as the proprietors, supports the family.

The impression you get when visiting the winery is one of clockwork synergy and simultaneously, warmth and hospitality. For the Bortoluzzi family, a passion for wine has always been vital. The Bortoluzzi philosophy is “Wine is not just any product: in it, we find the passion, love,

and dedication of the people who crafted it. The more you love wine, the easier it is to transmit your message to the consumer: sensibility is very important, as is tradition. We strive to be forward-looking in order to improve. At the same time, we never forget what history and experience have taught us. Most important of all, we focus on the quality and naturalness of the product, from vineyard to bottle: healthy grapes, genuine wines.”

### THE TERROIR

Bortoluzzi’s vineyards are located along the diverted Isonzo River. The terrain is gravelly and mineral-enriched. This abundance of minerals in the soil makes for the grapes’ rich components and extract, and for the wines’ lush fruity, floral nuances and varietal character.

The vineyards are also protected from the cold Northern winds that come from the mountains. As a result, the grapes are able to gradually ripen through fall, which is mild.

Bortoluzzi presently 123 acres has under vine, including plots from both Collio and Isonzo which are the best of the best and are considered among the most highly prized in the region.



**CHARDONNAY VENEZIA GIULIA IGT:** 100% Chardonnay from vineyards located close to Gradisca d'Isonzo. Part of the wine ages in stainless steel tanks and the rest ages in new Allier barriques and tonneaux, medium-toast. The two portions are blended and bottled. Deep straw yellow in color with intense, persistent aromas reminiscent of ripe fruit, and a very pleasing, never excessive, vein of toasted oak. A mellow, structured palate with well-integrated

acidity, balance, body, and length.



**MERLOT VENEZIA GIULIA IGT:** 100% Merlot from vineyards located close to Cormons. The wine ages in barriques and tonneaux, both new and used (maximum 3rd use) for about 12-14 months; it is then blended and left to rest in stainless steel tanks for about a month prior to bottling. Intense ruby red in color, the bouquet recalls ripe fruit, with marked notes of marasca cherry. The palate is flavorful, intense and appealing, with smooth, elegant tannins, well-integrated

acidity, and distinct balance.



**PINOT GRIGIO VENEZIA GIULIA IGT:** 100% Pinot Grigio from five vineyards located close to Gradisca d'Isonzo. The wine ages sur lie in stainless steel until March. Straw yellow color, crystal-clear. The nose is intense and persistent, recalling fresh fruit and spring flowers. Mellow and fresh at the same time, structured, showing balance, body, and persistence.



**ROSSO DI GEMINA IGT:** 40% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc from vineyards located close to Cormons, Gradisca and Fogliano Redipuglia. The Merlot ages in barriques while the Cabernet Sauvignon ages in new and used (up to 3rd use) tonneau for about 18 months. The Cabernet Franc ages in steel. The three varieties are then blended. The percentages of the three wines are not always the same as they vary based on

the vintage and tastes of the enologist. After barrel aging, the wine spends some time in steel tanks before bottling. Intense ruby red with aromas of ripe red fruit, wild berry jam, and spices. The palate is warm, velvety and has good body and caressing tannins.



**SAUVIGNON VENEZIA GIULIA IGT:** 100% Sauvignon from vineyards located close to Gradisca d'Isonzo. The wine ages nine months in stainless steel. Light straw yellow with verdant hues. The bouquet charms with notes of bell pepper, peach, and sage leaf endowing it with distinct elegance. Full on the palate, fresh, very appealing, with complex varietal flavors.



**CABERNET FRANC VENEZIA GIULIA IGT:** 100% Cabernet Franc from vineyards located close to Gradisca & Fogliano Redipuglia. The wine ages in barriques and tonneaux, both new and used (maximum 3rd use) for about 12-14 months. It is then blended and left to rest in stainless steel tanks for about a month prior to bottling. Bright ruby in color. Intense, herbaceous nose with notes of green peppers. The wine is smooth, elegant, and elicate on the palate, with sweet tannins.



**CABERNET SAUVIGNON VENEZIA GIULIA IGT:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from vineyards located close to Gradisca & Fogliano Redipuglia. The wine ages in barriques and tonneaux, both new and used, (maximum 3rd use) for about 12-14 months. It is then blended and left to rest in stainless steel tanks for about a month prior to bottling. Brilliant ruby in color, with an intense, spicy and herbaceous nose with notes of wood and abundant fruit and

brushwood; velvety and elegant on the palate.