

## Friuli Venezia Giulia – In Constant Motion Jan 2020





RUSSIZ SUPERIORE Sauvignon Collio DOC 2019 ~ Spicy, perfumed and loaded with character, the 2019 Sauvignon lifts up with a mix of crushed green apples, geraniums and savory spice. The textures are silky and refined, with a pure display of ripe orchard fruits and zesty citrus that contrasts between sweet and sour. Pretty inner florals, notes of chamomile, kiwi and peach resonate throughout the wonderful long finale. 91 points



RUSSIZ SUPERIORE Friulano Collio DOC 2019 ~ The 2019 Friulano is refined and perfumed, displaying a mix of white and yellow flowers before giving way to notes of stone dust and ripe peach. It's silky in texture, coasting across a complex blend of salty minerals and savory spice, as sour green melon contrasts with ripe apple. Lemon citrus with an herbal twang resonates, making for a perfect end to a lovely experience. 90 points



RUSSIZ SUPERIORE Sauvignon Riserva Collio DOC 2016 - The 2016 Sauvignon Riserva shows a tropical display of citrus and florals before evolving further with notes of exotic spice, white smoke and dried apricot. There are tremendous depths to its silky textures, perfectly contrasted by brilliant acid and lifting minerality, with ripe orchard fruits that soothe the senses. The palate buzzes with energetic tension through the finale with an inner air of heather and savory herbs. 92 points



RUSSIZ SUPERIORE Pinot Bianco Riserva Collio DOC 2015 - The 2015 Pinot Bianco Riserva is a rich and savory wine that blends notes of whole sweet butter with toasted brioche, dried nectarine and pears. It's velvety and expansive, maintaining its aromatic personality on the palate, yet with salty acids that further accentuate the experience. There's a viscosity to the 2015 Riserva that reminds me more of food than wine, yet it ultimately communicates elegance as it tapers off with a hint of custard. This large-scaled Pinot Bianco won't be for everyone; yet for those who enjoy the style, this is pure pleasure in a glass. 91 points



**RUSSIZ SUPERIORE Cabernet Franc Collio DOC 2017 -** Masses of purple-tinged peppery florals, crushed plums and smoky minerals lift up from the 2017 Cabernet Franc. It's lean and focused in the mouth, coming across as salty and savory with tart wild berries that saturate all that they touch. That said, the 2017 maintains wonderful energy, even through its structured and almost-chewy finish. While this shows a bit of the warm vintage with its intense fruit and gruff tannin, it should still flesh out nicely and drink beautifully over the medium term. **90 points** 

