



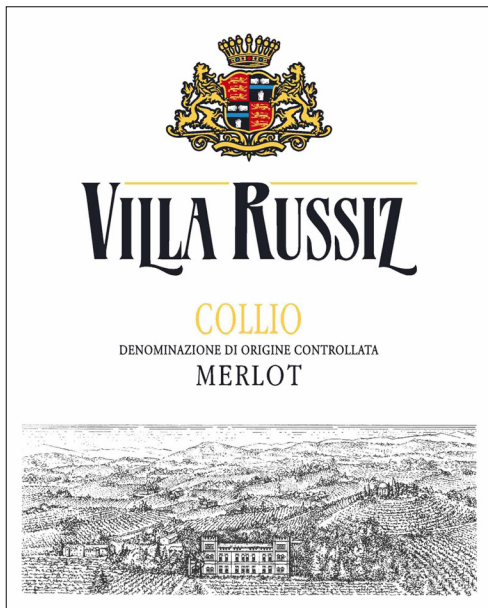
Fondazione

VILLA RUSSIZ

2015 MERLOT CLASSIC COLLIO DOC

ESTATE VINEYARDS

Appellation:	Collio DOC
Grape variety:	100% Merlot
Vineyard location:	Hillside, estate vineyard with south facing exposure
Vine age:	15–50 years old
Soil composition:	Clay and marl locally known as “ponca”
Density:	1,417–2,024 vines/acre
Training:	Spurred cordon
Viticulture:	Sustainable
Harvest date:	October 2-5
Harvest notes:	Mild temperatures created one of the best vintages in the last 10 years



WINEMAKING

Perfectly ripened grapes are hand harvested. The bunches are quickly carried to the cellar where grapes are destemmed and left to ferment and macerate for 15 days. After racking, the wine is matured in 225L (60 gallon) French oak casks for 18-20 months. It is then blended in stainless steel vats and finally matures for 3-4 months in the bottle.

Alcohol:	13.5%
Total acidity:	5.3 g/L
pH:	3.54
Residual Sugar:	1.2 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Bright ruby color; balanced, soft and richly textured. Slightly vegetal both on the nose and the palate when young. Flavors of cherry, tobacco, chocolate. Capable of long ageing and the development of a rich, complex wine.

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