## Conti Brandolini d'Adda



## **VISTORTA MERLOT 2002**

The Vistorta estate has a total cultivation area of 200 hectares, of which 40 are planted with vines on well-drained clay-limestone soils.

At the moment, red grape varieties occupy an area of 34 hectares (72% Merlot). Training systems used: cordon spur and Guyot with a density of 4600 vines per hectare.

Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia

Classification: Controlled Denomination of Origin (D.O.C.)

Grape Variety: 100% Merlot

Vineyard: 500 acres estate of wich 60 actually planted with Merlot

Soil: Clay rich in lime

Vinification: Six days fermentation. Maceration of 15–20 days.

Malolactic fermentation in barrique. Aged one year in french small oak. The wine is bottled with no filtration and cellared

12 months before release

Alcohol Content: 13%

Description: Color: Ruby red

Bouquet: Rich fruit and spices

Palate: Highly structured, mellow and elegant well

integrated tannis

Aging Potential: Great aging potential

Recommended with: Pastas, red meats, roasted or grilled – particularly lamb -

cheeses

Serving Temperature: Uncork at least half hour before serving.

Temperature 20–22 °C

Consulting oenologist: George Pauli (Chateau Gruaud-Larose)

Production: 50,400 bottles