

Angoris - Pignolo, Colli Orientali del Friuli DOC

- A great discovery wine for lovers of Bordeaux, Barolo and Napa Cab
- Rare Friulian red variety prized for its bold, powerful and ageworthy
- Sustainably farmed; 100% estate-grown, produced, and bottled

The Producer

Founded in 1648 in the hills of Friuli, Tenuta Angoris has been a cultural sanctuary of northern Italian varietals for centuries. Instead of resting on their laurels, Angoris continues to seek the most authentic expression of their land through sustainable farming and managing their vineyards using methods of some of the finest Chateaux in France. The resultant wines are true to place and variety, with elegance and world-class quality that make them easy to introduce to domestic wine lovers. The modest price point seals the deal. These are wines that every sommelier would love.

The history of Angoris dates back to 1648 when Prince Ferdinand III awarded a local soldier, Locatello Locatelli 300 fields of land in an area of Cormons called Langoris (later Angoris). At the time it was part of the Austrian Monarchy. With its rolling hills, lush vineyards, and quiet woods, the winery quickly became a natural respite for the Austrian royalty and elite.

Today Angoris is owned by the Locatelli family (unrelated to the original owners), and managed by Claudia Locatelli, who has made her mark in leading the winery to new heights of quality.

One of Claudia's most significant changes was to hire Marco Simonit, known as the "Prada of Pruning" whose clients include Château Latour, Château d'Yquem, Château Lynch-Bages, Moët et Chandon, and Maison Leroy. Simonit, a native of Friuli, was drawn to the opportunity to help Claudia identify the best varietal for each vineyard block and to treat the varietals of his homeland to the level of care he had given to his famous French clientele.

Following Simonit's plan, Angoris grows Ribiola Gialla, Schiopettino, Refosco, Friulano, Picolit, and Pignolo in their Collio and Colli Orientali vineyards. The vineyard soils are "ponca"—a light-colored calcareous marl, formed deep beneath the sea, where water pressure compressed this calcium rich sediment. These wines carry the Angoris label, and are structured, complex and ageworthy.

In the Isonzo, a flat area with alluvial soils, Angoris grows native varietals such as Friulano and Refosco, and "nearly native" international varietals such as Pinot Grigio and Cabernet Franc (which have grown in the area for hundreds of years). These wines are approachable in style and mineral driven. To distinguish them from the Angoris wines, they carry the Villa Locatelli label.

Winemaker and enologist Alessandro dal Zovo achieves the best expression through timely harvesting and judicious use of oak. The wines are notable for their fresh, mineral driven and varietally correct character.

The Wine

This is the perfect discovery wine for big red lovers - rich, deep colored, full bodied with powerful tannins and acidity. Literally meaning *fussy* in Italian, Pignolo vines bear so little fruit that only a few wineries make it. But the time and attention it requires pays off in the glass. Angoris's rendition is one of the best expressions available. Aged for more than 4 years, the wine is pure, focused and velvety. Pair with rich meats like big grilled steaks, game and braised meats with wine reduction sauces.



Region: Friuli- Venezia Giulia

Appellation: Colli Orientali del Friuli

Vineyard: Stabili della Rocca

Altitude: 350 ft elevation

Soil: *Ponca* in Friulian, which is flysch, a sequence of sedimentary rocks (Eocene marl)

Varietals: 100% Pignolo

Planting system: Guyot

Yield: Average 2.25 tons/acre

Harvest: late September

Production: 900 bottles

Vinification: 14 day maceration and fermentation in tonneaux, followed by malolactic fermentation;

Aging: 4 years in tonneaux and bottle-aged 6 months before release

Tasting Notes: Intriguing composition of aromas: tar, clove, licorice, cocoa, and sweet cherry. It is dark, robust, and full of red cherry fruit on the palate. Though the wine could benefit from age, it is pure, focused and velvety in its youth.