

AZIENDA AGRICOLA DURINRiviera Ligure di Ponente Granaccia

Winemaker Antonio Basso represents the third generation of farmers from Ortovero, and tends some 259 separate, small vineyards on steep hillsides just three miles away from the azure Mediterranean as the crow flies. Altitude here ranges from 150 feet to as high as 2,100 feet! This is the inspired madness of vine growing in mountanous Liguria—so much so that there are only a few dozen, full-time producers in the region. Yet for those stubborn, inspired few, what Liguria can give is nothing less than extraordinary. The thread that connects the wines of Liguria is indeed the sea: whites are limpid and invigorating, reds tangy and saline-kissed. Each bottle begs for Mediterranean cuisine and lively company.

WINERY: Azienda Agricola Durin **WINEMAKER:** Antonio Basso

ESTABLISHED: 1939

REGION: ITALY • Liguria • Ortovero

APPELLATION: Riveria Ligure di Ponente DOC

BLEND: 100% Granaccia (Grenache)

VINEYARDS: A selection of grapes from estate vineards in Ortovero (near the family's cellars) and in Ponterotto in the Arroscia Valley in Liguria. Soils

predominantly sandy, with limestone. **AGE OF VINES:** 25 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in tank.

Aged also in tank.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of red raspberry, black and red cherry, pomegranate. Silky tannins, bright acidity; abundantly perfumed

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Wild mushroom pizza, roasted game birds, grilled

lamb with Mediterranean herbs

