



AZIENDA AGRICOLA DURIN

Riviera Ligure di Ponente

Pigato Superiore 'A Matetta'

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 mountainous 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: Riviera Ligure di Ponente Superiore DOC

BLEND: 100% Pigato

VINEYARDS: A selection of grapes from some the estate's oldest vineyards. Soils predominantly sandy, with limestone.

AGE OF VINES: 40 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in tank. Malolactic conversion allowed. Aged in tonneaux for four to five months, then five months in bottle.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of bitter orange rind, apple, warm spice, poached white fruit. Savory and fresh, medium-bodied, bright sea-salty finish

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Fresh seafood; pesto dishes; baked fish

NOTES: 'A Matetta' is dialect, meaning 'To Angelica,' the winemaker's daughter and youngest child



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