

SCHIAVO
EST. 1887

DISTILLERIA SCHIAVO

Gajardo Bitter Radicale

Not far from the iconic town of Bassano del Grappa, the village of Costabissara was where entrepreneur Domenico Schiavo, in the early 1800s, traveled from farm to farm with his mobile still, selling the resulting spirits to regional inns and wineries. His son Giuseppe built the family's first brick-and-mortar distillery in 1887 (some 10 years before Jacopo Poli was founded). Today fifth-generation Marco Schiavo tends the family's stills and produces a range of spirits, in addition to inspired bitters and liqueurs. The family's "cocktail line," called Gajardo, prioritizes sustainably sourced ingredients and natural production methods.

COMPANY: Distilleria Schiavo

CREATOR: Marco Schiavo

ESTABLISHED: 1887

REGION: ITALY • Veneto • Costabissara

STYLE: An old-fashioned red bitter liqueur, handcrafted from natural botanicals to bottle. After an infusion that lasts more than 18 days, this very small-batch bitter is carefully hand-stirred, using the bâtonnage technique.

ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS: Gentian; licorice; rhubarb; green chiretta; Sichuan pepper; cinnamon; Mexican cascarilla; orange peel

ABV: 25%

CLOSURE: Screw cap

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Bright cochineal red with strong citrus and spice notes (red pepper, rhubarb, blood orange, quinine). Dry and focused, with more bitter orange, florals, and a touch of spicy heat. Medium sweetness.



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