



# ILLIVIO DOC 2021

## Friuli Colli Orientali, Italy



**Varietals:**  
Pinot Bianco,  
Chardonnay, Picolit

### Overview

At 100 years old, founder Livio Felluga was accredited with innovating and mastering modern winemaking in Italy. Back from WWII, he sealed a deep bond with the hillsides of Friuli by reviving the vineyards of Rosazzo.

In 1956, when Livio anticipated an implementation of appellation of origin, he chose an ancient map of the area to create an iconic label to tell the world the story of his wines. Pioneering vision, deep knowledge, respect for the vineyards, and obsession with quality, once embodied by Livio Felluga himself, have been proudly carried out by the company over the years.

Today, the family-owned winery is led by Livio's son, Andrea Felluga. Known for producing lush, crisp and well-balanced wines, the winery's reputation extends well beyond the region of Friuli and its wines are recognized in a class with the most esteemed producers from around the world.

Created by Livio Felluga's children, who dedicated the wine to him for his 85th birthday, Illivio reflects the personality of the family's "patriarch," uniting strength with elegance.

### Winemaking

The grapes are carefully destemmed and left to macerate for a short period. Next, the fruit is soft crushed. The must obtained is then allowed to settle. The now-clarified must ferments at controlled temperatures in small casks of French oak, where it matures for about ten months. After fermentation, the wine was left on the lees in the small oak casks for about ten months. The bottled wine was aged in temperature-controlled binning cellars.

### Tasting Notes

On the nose, illivio is vibrant and complex, pervasive and creamy, with marked floral aromas and ripe fruit. The nose opens on notes of lime blossom, wisteria, broom and chamomile, blending with fruity hints of yellow peaches, apricots, mandarins and tropical fruit like pineapple and mango. Ageing in small oak endows it with delicate boisé sensations of coconut, mace, vanilla pods, brown sugar and sweet spice. The array of aromas closes on subtle rosemary and walnuts. On the palate, it is generous, harmonious, full-bodied and dense, the softness balanced by refreshing acidity. Fragrant yellow plums, peaches and papaya alternate with hints of polyflora honey and white chocolate. Tangy and lingering with a creamy and pleasantly mineral finish.

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Tropical fruit aromas of mangoes and papayas with some fresh lilacs and white peaches. Medium- to full-bodied with dried apples and lemons as well as intense acidity. Tangy and crisp with a racy and energetic finish. Drink or hold.

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The 2021 Illivio, a blend of Pinot Bianco, Chardonnay and Piccolit, takes its time in the glass, sweetly alluring with a tinge of vanilla bean that embellishes fresh sliced peaches. Split pine and mint aromas add contrast. The 2021 soothes with its silky textures and supple character, bending around the contours of the palate as nectarine and bitter lemon rind notes collect under an air of pretty inner florals. Its mineral-ity comes through the finish, classically dry and tense, as Asian pear and exotic spices slowly fade. While already showing beautifully today, the 2021 will show its best after a few years of cellaring.

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Traditionally a blend of Pinot Bianco, Chardonnay and Picolit, the oak-aged Livio Felluga 2021 Friuli Colli Orientali Illivio shows an open-knit character with a sticky side that points to maple or pine sap. The aromatic base of this mid-weight white is built upon stone fruit, spicy pear, crushed stone, oregano and crushed sesame seed. It's an offbeat bouquet for sure, but it works.