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## ‘Collina’ Chardonnay 2003

Collina is the name chosen for our most premium Chardonnay. Meaning “little hillside” in Italian the name represents the small hillside of land on our Estate where the Chardonnay grapes are grown.



The wine is comprised of a selection of the best barrels of the vintage, which usually come from one block that consistently gives us good fruit every year. Yield is low around 5 tonnes/Ha which at our high density planting relates to 1 kg per vine. The soil is of low fertility, gravely silty loam over gravely clay. This terrior ensures contained vigour, well-exposed canopy with the resultant riper spectrum of flavours.

I made this wine as a full-bodied Chardonnay with palate softness good length and savouriness. What I am looking for are the secondary characters derived partially from barrel fermentation such as toastiness, crème caramel, spice and nuttiness in a seamless smooth package supported with some fruit and fine oak in background layers.

The 2003 Collina has plenty of power while maintaining a tight structure (due to the low pH). I have drunk this wine with strong dishes, where Cab Sav and Merlot have been totally overpowered this wine has held up well.

The wine has been matured in our cellars for two years prior to release and will benefit from mid term cellaring up to 5 to 7 years in a cool cellar.

The label has a long story, but briefly in the 70's my father Mario obtained an original Pinelli print. After many years of adoration on the cellar door wall we decided to put it on our premium wines as it reflects our artisanal philosophy and the direction of these wines. These wines are ignorant of current trends and fads in wine styles and are only produced in great years.

This is the first release. Only five barriques bottled. Do not over chill, serve at 17°C

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