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‘Sasso’ 2005

It has always been our intention to produce an ultra premium pinot noir. The excellent 2005 vintage has given us the opportunity to make such a wine. The name Sasso (stone) was given to this Pinot Noir because this wine expresses the terroir of our vineyard’s stoney soils.

This wine is comprised of a selection of the best barrels of the vintage. Yield is low at 5 tonnes/ha which at our high density relates to 1kg/vine.



The bouquet is generous and aromatic showing layers of black cherries, spice, and dark chocolate. This aromatic profile is typical of wild yeast fermentation and the gravelly soils unique to our vineyard.

A true hands off winemaking approach has allowed the expression of landscape to continue onto the palate.

The 2005 Sasso is a wine that shows great intensity of fruit and ample palate weight. This wine spent 12 months in French oak barriques of which 50% were new. The subtle use of oak balanced with a touch of firm tannin through the use of whole bunches gives this wine increased aging potential while still finishing soft and velvety. This wine has been matured in our cellars for two years prior to release and will benefit from further cellaring in a cool cellar.

The label has a long history, 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 this wine. This wine is ignorant of the current trends and fashions in wine styles and is only produced in great years.

WINEMAKING IS AN ART AS WELL AS A SCIENCE. BUT THERE IS MORE TO IT THAN THAT. BEHIND EVERY BOTTLE OF STEFANO LUBIANA WINE, THERE LIES A LEGACY OF 5 GENERATIONS OF LUBIANA FAMILY WNE MAKING. A LEGACY OF LABOUR AND LOVE – FOR OTHERS TO ENJOY.