



FONTANA CANDIDA

FRASCATI, A THOUSAND YEARS OF PERSONALITY AND TRADITION



The Fontana Candida Winery is situated on the hill of Fontana Candida, in a centuries-old country house built in the area where there once rose an imposing Roman villa, possibly owned by the poet Horace (Quintus Horatius Flaccus). The territory is known as Monteporzio (Mons Portii), birthplace of Marcus Porcius Cato the Censor (243-149 B.C.) who in his “De Agricultura” bore witness to the love he felt for his land and to how life had been cultivated here since time immemorial. Fontana Candida consists of two wineries: the wine-making facility in Frascati and the bottling facility in Monteporzio Catone. The Malvasia Bianca di Candia, Malvasia del Lazio, Trebbiano Toscano and Trebbiano Giallo (Greco) vineyards cover approx. 210 hectares in the heart of the Frascati DOC district. In the vineyards, in the wineries, and all around you can breathe in the passion and wine culture that have made ***Fontana Candida the most iconic and well-known custodian of the famous “vino dei papi” (wine of the popes) tradition and today it is the epitome of Frascati all over the world.***



SOIL AND WEATHER FEATURES

This area is well-suited for viticulture, as its soils were formed by the eruption of the ancient Lazio volcano. The Mediterranean climate—characterized by hot, sunny summers—is moderated by gentle sea breezes from the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Historical character and marked territorial identity

Fontana Candida has been the epitome of Frascati all over the world since 1958.



FOUNDATION

1958

Frascati

Vines traditionally cultivated here: Frascati, the first DOC in Italy, on hills of volcanic origin is the quintessential Roman vineyard.



HECTARES OF VINEYARD

136

Over A Thousand Years of Tradition

Documents discovered have proven that vines were cultivated within the city walls of Rome in imperial times.



GRAPE VARIETIES

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| • Malvasia di Candia | • Greco |
| • Malvasia "puntinata" del Lazio | • Bellone |
| • Trebbiano | • Bombino |



WINE-MAKER **MAURO MERZ**

Mauro Merz is the wine-maker and head of the winery. He arrived at Fontana Candida in 2001 following significant work experience at first-rate wine companies.

Convinced that wine is a cultural product and not just another anonymous drink with no history or territory, he is a determined supporter of the importance of restoring the Frascati distinctiveness in its origins, its ampelographic base and its traditional vines, and considers one raw material to be fundamental: the grape.

It needs to be interpreted, nurtured and attended to with due respect for its peculiarities. It is only with the meticulous selection of grapes and with a careful wine-making process that you can produce wines that express the distinct nature of their territory.

THE WINES



FRASCATI
DOC

Bright straw color; delicate aromas of spring meadows and fruitiness, dominated by hawthorn and Golden Delicious apple.

Soft fruit-forward flavor. Lively, fresh personality. Sophisticated tart, almondy background.

Production District:

Vineyards in the hills of the DOC subzone around Frascati, Monteporzio Catone, and Grottaferrata, as well as some from Montecompatri and Rome.

Altitude and Aspect:

150–400 meters above sea level.

Soil: Volcanic

Sizes: 750ml, 1.5L

Straw yellow color; at the nose well defined aromas of wild flowers with hints of honey and apple. On the palate, the wine is dry and round, full yet fresh and lively, with delightful notes of ripe pears on the lingering finish.

Production District:

Veneto and Friuli

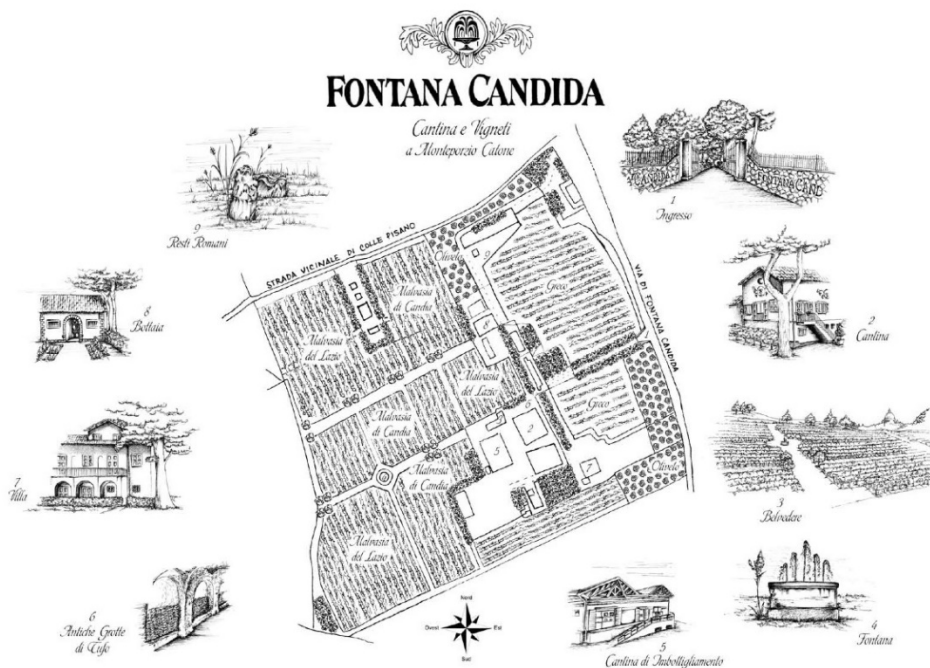
Region: Veneto and Friuli

Soil: Alluvial with gravel

Sizes: 750ml, 1.5L



PINOT GRIGIO
DOC





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