

SCHIOPETTO FRIULANO DOC COLLIO 2016

SCORE 93 POINTS

Golden-tinged yellow. Intense nose of white stone fruit, lime cordial, green fig and aromatic herbs. Fresh, juicy and precise, withlovely clarity and cut to the pure stone fruit and citrus flavors. Finishes long and tactile with noteworthy depth and complexity. A wine that would have made Mario Schiopetto proud. Lovely balance: the label sports 14% alcohol but tastes like if it has fewer octanesthan that.

SCHIOPETTO MALVASIA DOC COLLIO 2016

SCORE 93 POINTS

Bright straw. Intensely perfumed, aromatic nuances of grapefruit, white pepper and pear on the captivating nose. Fresh and jucy but tactile, with a varietally accurate saline twist to the chewy ripe yellow fruit. Finishes long and saline and with lovely balance: the label reads 15% but you cannot tell. From a 46 years old vineyard in Capriva in the direction of Russiz. Readers might like to knowthat this is the original vineyard in which Marco Simonit, probably the world's most famous expert on pruning (who works not just in Italy but for the likes of Château Latour and Château d'Yquem as well) started his experimentations.

SCHIOPETTO PODERE DEI BLUMERI IGT VENEZIA GIULIA 2015 SCORE 91+ POINTS

Medium-deep ruby. Superripe aromas of black plum, kirsch and licorice. Full, broad and primary, this outsized FVG red saturates the palate with a wave of ripe, luscious fruit. Finishes with youthfully chewy, smoky tannins and fresh savory lift on the longback end. A 50-50 Merlot and Refosco del Peduncolo Rosso blend that is aged in 50% new oak.

SCHIOPETTO PINOT GRIGIO DOC COLLIO 2016

SCORE 91 POINTS

Pale straw. Rich, ripe aromas of yellow fruit and flowers, complicated by savory herbs and spices. A tactile, delicately spicy Pinot Grigio. The 15% alcohol speaks of the warm Capriva subzone in the Collio denomination.

SCHIOPETTO SAUVIGNON DOC COLLIO 2016

SCORE 91 POINTS

Bright golden-yellow. Very Sauvignon-like with its aromas and flavors of green fig, grapefruit, guava and sage. Bright, fresh and tactile, with a saline nuance on the long, vibrant and juicy finish. Clocks in at 14.5% alcohol, but seems like it was made in a cooler climate.

SCHIOPETTO RIVAROSSA IGT VENEZIA GIULIA 2015

SCORE 91 POINTS

Deep ruby. Bright fresh and savory aromas and flavors of blueberry, gunflint, coffee and fresh herbs. Long and clean with smooth tannins and very good clarity on the bright back end. A mainly Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon blend, this is a lovely, very refined wine boasting early appeal but also sneaky concentration and complexity.

SCHIOPETTO BLANC DES ROSIS IGT VENEZIA GIULIA 2016

SCORE 90 POINTS

Straw yellow. Complex aromas and flavors of apple, pear, honey, white flowers and medicinal herbs. Opens with vibrant apple and pear flavors but firms up with air, taking on a dried apricot tone. The fresh acids carry into the long, mineral-accented finish, brightening and extending the wine's fruit flavors further. A blend of mainly Friulano, Malvasia Istriana and Ribolla Gialla, with a touch of Sauvignon.

SCHIOPETTO PINOT BIANCO DOC COLLIO 2016

SCORE 90 POINTS

Bright straw yellow with golden highlights. Open-knit and ripe, with a full-blown nose of yellow plum, candied pear and peach nectar. Broad, rich, spicy and tactile, with flavors similar to the aromas. The finish is long and saline. This is almost Pinot Grigio-like in its size and also speaks of the warm Capriva microclimate (it clocks in at 14.5% alcohol compared to the Volpe Pasini Pinot Bianco wine – both the Volpe Pasini and the Schiopetto estates are owned by the Rotolo family – which is made from grapes grown in the cooler Torreano subzone of the Friuli Colli Orientali: that wine sports only 13% alcohol).

