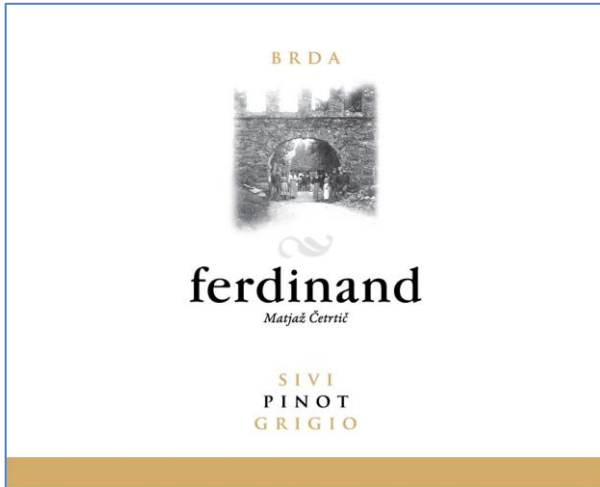


## *Ferdinand Pinot Grigio "Classici", 2016*



<b>Technical Data</b>	
Country	Slovenia
Region	Brda
Producer	Vinska Klet Ferdinand
Founded	1992
Farming	Organic
Vineyard Age	15 years
Varietal(s)	Pinot Grigio
Soil Type	Granite, Clay
Alcohol	12.5%
Residual Sugar	0.1%
Acidity (g/L)	6.0
pH	3.4
Fermentation	natural/stainless steel
Aging/Maturation	9 months, stainless steel

### **Producer Description**

Vinska Klet Ferdinand is in the unique Brda region, nestled between the Adriatic Sea, the European Alps and the Italian Friuli, where rolling hills are warmed by the Mediterranean sun during the day and cooled by Alpine breezes at night. The proprietor, Matjaz Cetrlic, is the consummate wine professional applying his meticulous attention to detail to all aspects of production from his vineyards to his wine making where bringing out the full flavors of his grapes is his ultimate goal.

Making very full flavored and refreshing wines is also helped by the geology of Slovenia with its mineral rich soils from the alpine terrain near the wine producing regions. This is particularly so with the winery's Pinot Grigios where a wine that is thought of as a "light and fruity" when produced in alluvial soils in Italy becomes a refreshing and mineral rich wine when produced in Slovenia.

### **Tasting Notes**

Initial aromas of candied lime, pineapple, honeysuckle, and green apple evolve into flavors of white peaches, a variety of citrus fruits, clover honey, and hints of almonds. Also immediately noticeable is a very refreshing saturated mouth feel where the minerals in the wine delight your taste buds. There is very good balance across the palate, good acidity for lots of food pairings, and but also a feeling of power that definitely separates this from Italian Pinot Grigios.

### **Food Pairings**

Food pairings would include sole, crab, shrimp, halibut, trout, creamy seafood dishes, oysters, ceviche, sushi, pork and veal cutlets, grilled and baked chicken, roast turkey, sautéed vegetables, Vietnamese and Thai food, chicken and fish tacos and enchiladas, pasta with cream sauces, hard cheeses, and lots of different salads.