

MIANI

Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy

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Miani's Enzo Pontoni is one of the best producers of white wines in Italy. His white (and red) wines have become absolute cult wines owing to a remarkable depth of flavour and concentrated texture, though they are never heavy or unbalanced.

In the Colli Orientali DOC, Miani sits on a hilly slice of the Udine province near Italy's border with Slovenia. On a total of 13 hectares (4 are family owned), they cultivate Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Malvasia, and Friulano, as well as, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso. The vineyards are situated at an altitude from 100 to 300 meters above sea level, and the vine density is kept relatively low at 3000 plants per hectare. In the winter the vines are mercilessly pruned and the drastic green harvest leaves one or two bunches per vine. It is clear that revenue and profitability have never entered this winemaker's agenda, while the manicured vineyards show intense passion for viticulture.

Enzo took over the family winemaking business after his father had passed away. Leaving his engineering career in order to dedicate himself fully to his new passion. At almost 7 feet tall, Enzo has a commanding presence and does not compromise when it comes to making wine: each year he only produces 9000 bottles, and all according to rigorous organic farming methods. He ages many of his wines in French oak barriques, and does not interfere with the natural temperature of fermentation.

His reds are complex and decadent, and his white wines are, for many experts, most likely not just the best in Friuli but perhaps in Italy.

"Miani's outstanding 2021 reds nearly distracted me from the young whites. The Merlot Buri is one of the best Merlots I have ever tasted from this estate. Miani's Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso Cossut is also noteworthy. The 2022 whites are flamboyant yet beautifully balanced and fresh. Proprietor Enzo Pontoni explained that while he picked the Chardonnay a little early in this very warm and dry year, he sought concentration in the Ribolla Gialla. I love these wines for the way they balance concentration with purity and finesse. I only had the chance to taste a few young wines, but I can say the 2023 Sauvignon Blanc is a huge success." ***Eric Guido, Vinous (October 2025)***

Code	Label name	Vintage	Alcohol	Closure type	Case size
White Wine					
MI8321	Ribolla Gialla Friuli Colli Orientali Pettarin	2021	14.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt
MI7122	Friulano Friuli Colli Orientali	2022	14.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt
MI8121	Sauvignon Friuli Colli Orientali Zitelle	2021	14.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt
MI7322	Sauvignon Friuli Colli Orientali	2022	14.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt
MI7222	Chardonnay Friuli Colli Orientali	2022	14.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt
MI7022	Bianco Friuli Colli Orientali	2022	13.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt
MI8221	Sauvignon Friuli Colli Orientali Saurint	2021	14.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt
MI8021	Sauvignon Friuli Colli Orientali Casa Rossa	2021	14.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt
Red Wine					
MI1620	Merlot Friuli Colli Orientali Buri	2020	14.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt
MI1520	Rosso Friuli Colli Orientali	2020	14.5%	Cork	6x0.75lt
MI1820	Refosco Friuli Colli Orientali Cossut	2020	13.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt