



ATTEMS

## SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

**CLASSIFICATION:** Venezia Giulia I.G.T.

**VINTAGE REPORT:** after a very cold January, spring came early compared to seasonal averages. Temperatures began to rise as early as the end of February, contributing to a quick awakening of the plants at the beginning of April. The erratic temperatures in early spring proved challenging to the grapevines, especially with the cold that came in between the end of April and the beginning of May. The Attems vineyards suffered these conditions with more ease than those in other parts of northeastern Italy due to the region's geography and the protection offered by the woods surrounding the estates. The rapid rise of temperatures at the end of spring brought new life to the plants, allowing them to begin flowering at the beginning of June - about a month following the flowering of the green manure essences planted in autumn 2016. Green manure usage is a key and consolidated farming technique that sees widespread use in the Attems' estate. The weather was moderately warm in June and rainfall was in line with that of past years. The hot 2017 summer saw very little rain, but the two summer storms in July provided a much needed respite to At-tems' vineyards. The constant working of the soil and management of the leaves helped maintain the plants in healthy and protected from the sun up until the harvest season. Sauvignon Venezia giulia IGT is the first variety to be harvested in order to maintain intact both its aromas and acidity. In 2017, the grapes were a beautiful green colour.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PRODUCTION AREA:**

**ORIGIN:** the vineyards are located among the plains and hills of the province of Gorizia

**ALTITUDE:** 60 meters asl

**SOIL TYPE:** eocene marls and sandstones created by seabed uplifting 50 million years ago and partly well-drained alluvial soils rich in stones and sand.

**PLANTING DENSITY:** 5500 vines per hectare

**TRAINING SYSTEM:** double arched cane and Guyot

**VINEYARD AVERAGE AGE:** planted in 2002

**TECHNICAL NOTES:**

**YIELD/HECTARE:** 8.5 tons

**HARVEST:** manual from end of August to first ten days in September

**VINIFICATION:** a small portion, about 15%, of the pressed product benefits from a brief, cold temperature maceration away from air drafts. The must obtained from the soft pressing of the grapes is left to rest for 24-48 hours. Subsequently, on clear must, alcoholic fermentation is allowed to take place in steel vats at 18-20°C or 12 days. Following the fermentation, the wine rests for four months on noble lees often kept in suspension.

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 12.5% Vol

**TASTING NOTES:** the wine is a sparkling gold-yellow with subtle greenish highlights. Lovely impressions of sage and tomato leaf lead on the nose, closely followed by notes of late-ripened peach and boxwood buds. The flavour is fresh and lively with aromas that exalt the minerality typical of Sauvignon. The intense finish is an alluring combination of field herbs and scotch broom flowers.

**SERVING SUGGESTIONS:** to be enjoyed with first courses of seafood pastas and risottos, and in particular with pan-fried fish with potatoes and asparagus.

