

# TUTTO

## MARKO FON

Komen, Kras



Marko displays as much respect, love and dedication to the land he farms as any grower we have met.

He farms three and half hectares of vines spread over more than a dozen parcels in the Slovenian Carso, or Kras as they call it here. Marko speaks with real conviction about this beautiful yet harsh landscape, where just a few centimetres of red earth sit between the plants and the ancient plateau of limestone below.

Whilst the vines are just a few miles from the Adriatic, they are also not far from the mountains. The wines benefit from a breeze from the former and the local wind, the bora, which comes from the latter. It is a wild place that provides a daunting landscape for all but the bravest of farmers, but reward comes in the form of the wonderfully distinctive local grapes Malvazija Istriana, Vitovska and Teran, which in the right hands, are capable of producing truly thrilling wines.

Marko's responsibility as a custodian of the land is most important to him, and he eschews the use of chemicals in favour of organic remedies. The various plots are harvested individually, often over several months, and after fermentation the wines rest in old casks until deemed ready for release.

These are subtle, pure and nuanced wines which possess a wonderful potential to age.

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TERAN LUI

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Teran from a single plot of fifty year old vines planted over deep, red, iron-rich soils. This spent three weeks on the skins, followed by thirty months in old casks, rendering a deep, dark and inky wine that is all blackberries, earth and brine. Drinking a cool carafe of this alongside some capocollo and a hunk of sheep's cheese in Marko's vineyard some years ago remains an enduring memory and as always, there is an invigorating quality to be found here that never disappoints.