



#### WINEMAKER

Armando De Zan

#### FARMING

Certified Organic

#### VARIETALS

Pinot Grigio (Pinot Gris)

#### FEATURES

Bottle, Gluten Free, Screw cap, Vegan

#### ABV

12.5%

#### AVAILABLE SIZES (L)

0.750



# Candoni

## Organic Pinot Grigio

ITALY, LOMBARDY, PROVINCIA DI PAVIA I.G.P.

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### WINERY OVERVIEW

The Candoni De Zan family has a rich wine-making history that began over 150 years ago. The tradition continues with Armando De Zan and Elviana Candoni, who both share a passion for wine and a tenacious belief in working exclusively for quality.

Both the De Zan and the Candoni families have been involved in winemaking since the late 1800s. A culture built around quality and integrity was established by their forefathers and continued by successive generations. Over the generations both families gradually acquired large viticulture terrains in their respective regions. Following in this tradition, and as part of their long-term plan to enrich their holding, Elviana and Armando purchased the Tenuta Polvaro Estate in Veneto, in addition to vineyards located in other regions.

The labels and packaging, which convey the artistic spirit that Elviana inherited from her father, Luigi Candoni (1921 – 1974) – graphic artist, early exponent of avant-garde theatre and prolific dramatist, after whom the widely respected and internationally acclaimed “Candoni Award” is named. He was the first in Italy to translate and represent the works of Tennessee Williams, Tankred Dorst, Eugène Ionesco, and Samuel Beckett. Luigi Candoni also founded two theater companies and a magazine called “Teatro Orzero.” A museum has been dedicated to him in his hometown in Carnia, near Udine.

Armando and Elviana’s daughters, Barbara and Caterina, have inherited their parent’s passion and now work alongside their parents in continuing their family’s winemaking traditions and success.

Barbara and Caterina are both Certified Sommeliers. Barbara also has a degree in Business Administration, while Caterina’s degree is in Foreign Languages (German and French). Both women help in various aspects of the business but focus on sales, especially in the US and other international markets.

Candoni makes both conventional and Certified Organic wines. Organic Merlot, Pinot Grigio, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir are Certified Organic. In addition to making organic wine, another environmental initiative is a 9+ year-long partnership between Candoni and nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation to plant trees for Arbor Day. Since the start of the Arbor Day partnership, Candoni Wines has helped plant over 40,000 trees in the U.S. (and counting!).

In 2021, Candoni launched Ricco Wines with Regal. Ricco means Rich in Italian, and this collection is rich, sweet, and seductively fruity with intense all-natural berries, peach, cherry, and mango flavors. These sweet, fruit-infused wines are made with estate-grown Moscato grapes. The wines are Vegan and Gluten Free and are delicious on their own or perfect for creating cocktails and sangria.

### VINEYARD

100% Organic Pinot Grigio from Lombardy in the north-central area of Italy.

### TERROIR

Lombardy is particularly well known for its Oltrepò Pavese areas (whose name means “Pavia beyond the Po River”), where the winemaking traditions date back to the Etruscan settlers along the Po River. The regional climate varies due to the diverse terrain, but is generally considered a ‘cool’ continental climate. The region is influenced by several geographic features, including the Alps, which form part of the northern border and help protect from cold and trap heat in the valley as well as the Po River which runs along the Oltrepò Pavese and forms most of the region’s southern border. The stony vineyard soil also retains heat and releases it during the night to warm the vines. This creates an optimum situation which allows the grape to fully develop its flavors during the long growing season.

### VINIFICATION

Classic White Wine Fermentation. Fermentation takes place in controlled temperature stainless steel tanks. At the end of the alcoholic fermentation, the wine remains for an appropriate period in contact with the yeasts to maintain the best perfumes. This also allows Candoni to protect the wine from oxidation without using chemical additives. To respect Vegan vinification, they don’t use any byproduct of animals to clarify or to stabilize the wine.

### TASTING NOTES

Smooth, soft and harmonious, with balanced acidity. This wine has nice body and great flavor. Aromas are fruity with notes of toasted almonds, dried hay and walnut.

