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## Curtefranca DOC Rosso "Fontecolo"

Vintage: 2009 Alcohol: 12.5 % vol.

Component grape varieties and percentages: Cabernet Franc - Cabernet Sauvignon -Merlot

Year first produced: 1990

Average annual production: 20,000 bottles

Vineyard location and exposure: In the heart of our estate vineyards with east-southeast exposure.

Soil profile: Undulating terrain in a glacial-origin bowl, with loose soils of medium fertility, with medium-deep gravel-pebble mixture.

Training system: Spurred cordon.

**Yield per hectare:** 90 quintals of grapes/hectare = 61 hectolitres/hectare.

Harvest: Hand picking into small boxes, during the second half of September 2009.

Vinification: The grapes were de-stemmed and pressed, and the must went into stainless steel fermenters for a controlled-temperature, floating-cap fermentation, followed by malolactic fermentation inoculated with cultured yeasts and bacteria.

Maturation, ageing: Part of the wine matured in steel and part in 225-litre barriques for at least 12 months. After bottling, the wine spent another 3 months in the bottle before release.