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## RUGGER

## Guardians of the viticultural treasures of Valdobbiadene

ounded in 1950 by Giustino Bisol, Ruggeri's story is one of innovation founded on tradition; the project has trailed a pioneering path while relying on the experience of the Bisol family and on the expertise of the growers who, through generations, shaped the winemaking tradition of Valdobbiadene.

### **Preserving a unique terroir**

It is in the heart of the Treviso area, in eastern Veneto, that the Valdobbiadene hills define a separate DOCG prized for

the quality, freshness and elegance of its Proseccos. This landscape of heroic viticulture was the place chosen for the Ruggeri project as it offered the possibility for quality and distinctiveness that Giustino Bisol sought, and has lived on through his son Paolo and

granddaughter Isabella. It was here that Ruggeri established itself as a pioneering innovator - the first to produce a wine exclusively from centennial vines (Vecchie Viti), one of the first to release an Extra-Brut style, the first within the perimeter of Prosecco Superiore to age a wine on the lees for 48 months following secondary fermentation.

Aware of the singularity of the viticultural patrimony of Valdobbiadene and the need to preserve it for future generations, Ruggeri has been on a path to promote and consolidate sustainable practices across all aspects of its operation, working closely with its growers on the field. 'For us, it is of extraordinary importance to preserve this unique growing area and to protect the ecosystem by creating the best conditions for excellent production and,



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PRODUZIONE INTEGRATA

Tognon, chief agronomist at Ruggeri.

## The power of the bee

above all, for sustainable

quality,' explains Gianluca

Among Ruggeri's leading sustainability efforts was, in 2019, the adoption of the National Quality System of

Integrated Production (SQNPI), which ensures adherence to agricultural processes that respect the national highest standards of sustainability, while reducing environmental impact and promoting biodiversity.

The first clear outcome of this ongoing work is seen on the labels of the 2020

vintage of Ruggeri's Cartizze DOCG Brut and Dry wines, the first to display the SQNPI's recognisable bee logo. With this move, Ruggeri not only gives an added proof of quality, but also a clear sign that its passion and pioneering spirit remain the energy that inspires an enduring quest for quality.



#### Cartizze Brut, Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze DOCG

100% Glera, 11.5% abv The first Ruggeri release with SQNPI certification, this elegant sparkling balances aromatic intensity with freshness and length. White stone fruits are topped by floral notes of wild flowers and apple blossom, with a gentle lining of

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mediterranean herbs. On the palate, the soft texture is supported by a subtle citrus zing and a delicate mineral pull. Available in the UK through Enotria & Co