



Name: Pikasi Pinela

Classification: Dry white wine

Varietals: 100% Pinela

Appellation: Brje, Vipava Valley, Slovenia

Density & Yield: 4,000 vines/ha; 1.5 kg/vine

Annual Production: 2,400 bottles

Alcohol: 12.5%

Climate: Mild Mediterranean, with dry and hot summers, and mild winters.

Terrain: Vipava Valley is right on the border of Slovenia, just north of the Italian port city of Trieste. The area is made up of steep hills, where the continental climate of the Alps collides with the more moderate mild Mediterranean climate from the Adriatic. Vineyards are located on steep, karst mountain tops, where the temperature is cooler and the soil contains mineral-rich marl, which makes it incredibly helpful in drainage of rainfall.

Farming: Practicing organic. The vineyards have no irrigation, and spraying is done only with sulfites and copper, if needed.

Vinification: All grapes are hand-picked, de-stemmed, and pressed immediately. Spontaneous fermentation process is temperature controlled and takes place in stainless steel tanks. The wine is then matured on lees in stainless steels tanks for 5 months, then coarsely filtered before bottling, and released to the market 2 months after bottling.

Tasting Notes: Pinela is a rare local variety from Vipava Valley, with only about 50 hectares cultivated currently. Pinela is a gentle grape offering elegant aromas of white peach, wild flowers and almonds. Pleasant creaminess and savory mouthwatering minerality linger on the palate.

Fresh and fruity when served cold, but reveals more layers and complexity closer to room temperature. Try it with scampi risotto, white fish, scallops, pasta with white wine sauce and sushi.

Winery: Pikasi - Saramento is a negociant project of Slovenian winemaker and professional ballroom dancer, Matic Rodica. Together with Vipava Valley grower, Petr Stegovec, Matic created the Pikasi lineup of naturally fermented indigenous variety wines – Pinela, Zelen, Rebula, Barbera and Barbera Rose. The labels are inspired by dancing, and the silhouettes were drawn off of Matic’s own dance photos. All of Pikasi wines are made in a fresh and approachable style and offer a pure and balanced expression of each grape varietal.

Saramento (“vine shoot” in Istrian dialect) comes from the vineyards located near Koper in Istria, Slovenia. Known for its local malvasia and refosk, this region also produces amazing, pure and balanced cabernets and merlots.