



**Name:** Saramento Cabernet Sauvignon

**Classification:** Dry red wine

**Varietals:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation:** Istria, Slovenia

**Density & Yield:** 4,000 vines/ha; 2.0 kg/vine

**Annual Production:** 20,000 bottles

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

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

**Terrain:** These coastal vineyards are located right on the Adriatic sea, more specifically the Gulf of Trieste, near the Slovenian port of Koper. They enjoy significant day-night temperature swings and constant seaside breezes. The soil here consists of eocene flysch with marl and sandstone.

**Farming:** No irrigation. Environmentally friendly cultivation, following the integrated farming guidelines of Slovenia.

**Vinification:** All grapes were hand-picked, macerated for up to 10 days and then pressed. Malolactic fermentation took place immediately after the alcoholic fermentation. The wine was partially matured in large 4,000-12,000 liter oak barrels and partially in stainless steel tanks, then blended and coarsely filtered before bottling.

**Tasting Notes:** Istria is famous for its amazing local grape varieties, but it also produces great medium-body, food-friendly cabernets! This cab has bright fruit and plenty of vegetal complexity. Aromas of cherry, blackberry and plum along with green pepper and licorice lead to a friendly palette with soft tannins and ample acidity.

Pair it with casual fare, bring it to a BBQ! It will go nicely with burgers, ribs, sausages, kebabs, beef stews and also pizza, lasagna and stuffed peppers!

**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.