

# Northeast Italy

Our blind panels tasted 233 new-release Northeastern Italian wines for this issue.

**Wolfgang Weber**, our critic for Italian wine, rated **70** as exceptional (90+) and **40** as Best Buys.

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## FRIULI WHITE

### Blends

**90** | Marco Felluga \$28

**2007 Collio Molamatta Bianco (Best Buy)**

A succulent blend of pinot bianco, friulano and ribolla gialla, this feels sleek and steely, with lasting flavors of lemon and cut hay. Substantial and bright, this is a wine to serve with spaghetti and clams. *Dalla Terra, Napa, CA*

### Pinot Grigio

**92** | Marco Felluga \$32

**2005 Collio Mongris Riserva Pinot Grigio**

Rich and intense, this wine has ripe peach and lemon flavors layered over a leesy texture. It grows bright and energetic with air, the richness lightened by the fruit's freshness. A few years in the cellar will draw out more complexity, or decant a bottle now for shrimp-filled ravioli. *Dalla Terra, Napa, CA*

**90** | Marco Felluga \$20

**2007 Collio Mongris Pinot Grigio** This melds ripe golden apple and stone-fruit flavors with a subtle earthiness. The texture feels relaxed, the flavors lasting with the impression of white peach. Serve it with roast chicken. *Dalla Terra, Napa, CA*

### Sauvignon

**92** | Russiz Superiore \$35

**2004 Collio Sauvignon Riserva** Lifted aromas of citrus blossom and wild thyme mark this wine's freshness. It grows savory and smoky with air, a long, bright stretch of lemon over gunflint-like minerality. Impressively structured, with lasting flavors of citrus and mouthwatering acidity, this would match *Enza's sofiano riso* with capers, lemon and rosemary. *Dalla Terra, Napa, CA*

### Refosco

**90** | Marco Felluga \$22

**2006 Venezia Giulia Ronco dei Moreri**

**Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso** This combines plum and fig flavors with gripping tannin and mouthwatering acidity. The texture is lean and muscular. Decant it for a bone-in pork chop. *Dalla Terra, Napa, CA*