



GRAPPA DICHIOTTO LUNE

Nogaredo, Trentino

Founded in 1949 in the village of Nogaredo, in the southern part of Trentino near Lake Garda, Marzadro was the brainchild of Sabina Marzadro and her brother, Attilio. Sabina spent many years in Rome, working in the home of a local politician, but, upon returning home to Nogaredo, she decided to go in an entrepreneurial direction. She had an alembic still fabricated by a local coppersmith and installed it in the family home, welcoming local vintners to bring their pomace to be distilled. Attilio filled his Guzzi motorcycle's sidecar with bottles and went out to Rovereto, Trento, and beyond to sell them.

From those humble beginnings has sprung a beautifully appointed modern distillery of impressive dimensions. Marzadro is now one of Italy's leading distilled spirits producers, operating out of a striking facility completed in 2004. Designed by Bolzano-based architects Walter Maurmayr and Günther Plaickner, the distillery's centerpiece is a battery of eight copper stills, which are arranged in a circle under a skylit dome. These *bain marie*-style stills are almost always in operation, especially from September through December, when they're running 24 hours a day. Over in the dramatic, vaulted *bottaia* (barrel room), rows of barrels hold grappas and other spirits in various stages of evolution.

Style

Grappa *stravecchia* (extra aged). Distilled from the pomace of five different local varieties: Marzemino, Teroldego, Merlot, Moscato and Chardonnay. Aged for 18 months (*diciotto lune*) in a mixture of small barrels crafted from Cherry, Ash, Oak, and Robinia (a.k.a. Black Locust).

Essential Ingredients

Locally sourced grape pomace (see above). Aging vessels from diverse coopers and woods each impart their own fragrance, aroma, color and flavor.

ABV

41%

Tasting Notes

Amber-colored, with wood-derived hints of caramel, vanilla, and warm baking spices overlaying the essential fruits and florals typical of grappa. Hints of red and black cherry from the "black" grapes pointed up by bright florals from the white Moscato.

Producer Website

www.marzadro.it

