

## Raboso del Piave...looks to the future

Sampling and assessment are carried out to compare the three new clones of Raboso Piave (VCR19 – VCR20 – VCR43) planted in the experimental vineyard and the subject of numerous degree dissertations.

The latest test was carried out by university undergraduate Mariano Gallonetto, assisted by Professors Vasco Boatto and Deborah Franceschi of the University of Padua – Dept. of Agricultural Science, who made comparisons by assessing given growth, production and quality parameters.

From the growth point of view instruments and methods were used to determine the geometry of the foliage; in terms of production, the morphology of the bunches and berries was compared, together with the average weight of the bunch and volume of the berries.

With regard to quality parameters, classical and phenolic maturation of the grapes were studied, chemical and physical analyses were carried out on wine produced by micro-vinification, and sensorial analysis was made using a preference test and a test based on points.

Although there are evident differences between the various clones from the growth-production point of view, from the flavour point of view the difference is smaller, even if the clones have superior aroma and flavour qualities to existing biotopes.

These tests prove that Raboso del Piave still has great unexpressed potential; it's up to us to have the ability to develop it.