

Due Punti

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REGION	Hokuto, Hokkaido
EST.	2020
VINEYARD	2 ha
GRAPES	Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Zweigelt, Merlot, Sauvignon Gris and 4 more

ABOUT THE WINERY

Due Punti sits on a south-southwest slope above Hokuto, in Hokkaido's Oshima Peninsula — a strip of warm-current coastline at roughly the latitude of Rome, where Hakodate Mountain anchors the view and the Tsugaru Strait keeps the winters surprisingly mild. Founder Shinsuke Isaka came home to plant it in 2020 after a long apprenticeship abroad: a working-holiday year at Kusuda and Neudorf in New Zealand, sommelier shifts in London, two vintages in central Italy at Falesco, and three more as winemaker at Camel Farm in Yoichi. The estate's name — Italian for "two points" — names the pair of ideas he came back with: quality first, and a wide perspective.

Two hectares of Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, and Zweigelt grow on andosol topsoil over hard, root-stopping clay — a soil profile Isaka calls one of the rarest in the wine world.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

The winery's name — Italian for "two points" — names the two themes that guide every decision in the cellar and the vineyard: quality first, and a wide perspective. Founder Shinsuke Isaka came back to Japan after stints in New Zealand, London, and central Italy convinced him that great wine grows from places where the last weeks of the season run cool, and that no single tradition holds the whole answer. He chose Hokuto for its rare combination of warmth from the Tsugaru Strait, a south-southwest slope, and andosol topsoil over hard clay — a profile he believes is found in only one or two percent of the world's vineyard land.

Farming is patient and labor-led.

ABOUT HAKODATE

Hakodate (函館), at Hokkaido's southern tip, hosts Domaine de Montille Hokkaido — Étienne de Montille's Burgundy-meets-Japan estate, established in 2017. It is the warmest of Hokkaido's wine zones and the one most explicitly aimed at long-term cool-climate Pinot Noir as Burgundy warms.

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