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Botrosecco 2013

Classification
DOC

Vintage
2013

Climate
After a mild winter, a somewhat cool summer led to a longer growing season than the average of recent years, postponing picking by approximately ten days. With the arrival of the month of September, a rise in temperature assisted in a full ripening of the grapes, which conserved at the same time good flavor freshness.

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The crop was first selected in the field during picking, then destemmed and pressed at the cellars and the must fermented in stainless steel tanks. Fermentation temperatures rose to a maximum of 77° Fahrenheit (25° centigrade) in order to fully bring out the varietal aromas and the integrity of the fruit. During the fifteen day period of maceration, the skins were regularly bathed in order to extract only their noblest and most elegant elements. Once run off its skins, the wine was racked again into the stainless steel tanks, where it was put through a complete malolactic fermentation by the end of the year. The wine was then aged for twelve months in small oak barrels and bottled. Several months of bottle aging preceded commercial release.

Historical Data

The Fattoria Le Mortelle estate is located in the heart of the Tuscan Maremma just a few kilometers away from the town of Castiglione Pescaia in an extraordinary and fascinating position both in terms of its natural setting and the history of the area which surrounds it. The Antinori family has always been present in the zone. A property act of 1863 mentions, among other possessions, Poggio Franco, one of the highest quality vineyard plots of the estate, along with other landed parcels. Since 1999, the family has worked both on the vineyards and on new cellars, convinced that this part of Tuscany, already gaining much visibility in the overall Italian viticultural picture, had a very important potential for quality wine. And that here it was possible to express, at a high level, both the characteristics of the terroir and the grape varieties to be cultivated. The estate extends over some 675 acres (270 hectares), 425 of which (170 hectares) are planted to vines Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, along with the more recently planted white varieties (Vermentino, Ansonica, and Viognier) and a small percentage of Carménère. The soil, of medium consistence, sandy and loamy, has a composition principally of clay and silica and, in certain zones, is rather stony as well.

Tasting Notes

An intense red in color, the wine shows a nose of cherries and chocolate. The aromas are rich and complex, dominated by berry fruit along with floral and balsamic sensations. The palate is supple and ample with a vibrant finish of pleasurable freshness conferred by the Cabernet Franc. The fruity notes are also present on the aftertaste along with light notes of fresh tobacco and mint.