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Climate

The 2013 vintage enjoyed, on the whole, cool weather, particularly during the spring months. The summer, warm and sunny but without excessive peak temperatures, assisted in a positive growth of the grapes on the vine and a regular vegetative development as well. The month of September was characterized both by fine sunny days and by nights which were cooler than usual, ideal conditions for a good balance between the ripeness of the structuring elements, accumulation of sugar, and aromatic development.

Vinification

The grapes were picked by hand and, after a careful selection process, berry by berry, they were given a soft pressing and a cold pre-fermentation maceration. The fermentation then followed and the wine transferred into new French oak barrels, where it went through a complete malolactic fermentation and aged a further 18 months. At the end of the aging, the finest barrels were selected, their wine blended together, and the finished wine bottled.

Historical Data

The Guado al Tasso estate is located in the small but prestigious Bolgheri DOC, on the coast of upper Maremma, about one hundred kilometers southwest from Florence. This appellation has a relatively recent history, DOC Bolgheri was approved in 1995 and since then it has become an internationally recognized reference point for the Italian and international winemaking arena. The estate covers an area of about 320 hectares (790 acres) planted with vines, set in a beautiful plain encircled by rolling hillsides known as the "Bolgheri Amphitheatre" due to its particular shape. The vineyards are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Vermentino. The nearby sea provides a mild climate with constant breezes that mitigate summer heat and alleviate harsh winter weather, maintaining a clear sky and a high level of sunlight exposure.



Tasting Notes

Matarocchio expresses a highly pleasurable and intense varietal personality and character. The nose shows enchanting sensations of mint, sweet spices, black berry fruit, tobacco, and toasted coffee. The palate is rich in velvety textured and supple tannins, long and persistent, but vibrant and bracing in style as well.

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