

Olio Pèppoli 2022

Vintage
2022

Climate

Mild, dry winter weather defined the beginning of the 2022 growing season. Only in March did the area see cold temperatures. These climatic conditions prompted an early spring season with little rain and higher-than-average temperatures. Summer was hot and drought conditions prevailed until mid-August. Occasional rain showers followed allowing the drupes to develop and progress to ripeness. The harvest began just after October 15th, earlier than seasonal averages, and was completed by mid-November.





Olive Sources

The Pèppoli estate is located in the Chianti Classico area in the township of San Casciano Val di Pesa, at an altitude of 300 – 350 meters above sea level (984 - 1150 feet). The estate extends over a total area of approximately 100 hectares (247 acres) of which 27 (67 acres) are planted with olive groves. The soil is rich in marine deposits from the Pliocene era.

Historical data

The Pèppoli olive oil is organic. In 1994, the estate decided to organize its production on the basis of the principles of organic agriculture, according to which products derived from chemical synthesis are not be utilized either for control of pests and plant diseases or for fertilizing. After a two-year period of time – that which is required by current legislation, one supervised by the Consortium for the Control of Biological Production, an organism authorized by the Italian Ministry for Agriculture and Forest Resources - during which cultivation was converted from conventional to organic practices and procedures, it was finally possible, in 1996, to obtain “biological certification” for the Pèppoli olive oil.

The Harvest and the Extraction Process

The olives were picked from selected olive groves and harvested exclusively by hand before reaching full maturity then sent to the oil mill. Crushing took place within 12 hours of arrival at the mill. The production process began with the removal of leaves and stems with a mechanical separator then the olives were grinded into a paste with a hammermill. The paste was malaxed at a temperature of 20-22 °C (68-72 °F) for period of time that varied between 10 to 15 minutes to allow small oil droplets to aggregate into larger ones; they were separated from the paste and the oil was then extracted by decanter centrifugation. The extraction process was conducted at a low temperature, without the addition of water, to enhance the organoleptic and aromatic qualities. The extracted oil was meticulously selected to guarantee optimal quality and then stored in small stainless-steel tanks hermetically sealed under an inert gas atmosphere, protecting the oil from oxidation and other contaminants. Pèppoli EVOO was bottled in our in-house oil mill in two formats: 0.500 lt. and 0.250 lt.



Tasting Notes

Pèppoli EVOO is bright green in color. The nose is intense, fragrant, and pungent with notes of artichokes and freshly crushed olives. The palate is lively, fruity, and harmonious with great structure and balance. The palate closes with a typical piquant finish.

Certifications

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