



Pinot Nero della Sala 2020

Classification

Umbria IGT

Vintage

2020

Climate

The 2020 growing season will be remembered for dry weather conditions. Winter saw virtually no rainfall and temperatures were never too extreme nor severe. Spring arrived slightly later than in previous years and was dominated by mild daytime weather and temperatures above seasonal averages, except for several cool spells at the beginning of April. From June to Ferragosto (August 15th), hot, dry conditions brought the grapes to full maturity earlier than usual. The right time to harvest was a decision carefully made, based on obtaining the finest expression of varietal aromas and flavors. Harvesting of Pinot Nero grapes began the first week of September with healthy, ripe grapes characterized by excellent freshness and an outstanding aromatic profile.



Vinification

After destemming and gentle crushing, the grapes were transferred into small stainless steel truncated cone tanks where cold maceration was performed over a period of three days. Alcoholic fermentation followed at a controlled temperature of 26 °C (78.8 °F) and lasted for about one week and was then completed in 228-liter barrique where the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and continued to age for several months. Pinot Nero della Sala aged in the bottle in the castle's historical cellar for an additional period before being released for sale.

Historical Data

The ten acres (four hectares) of Pinot Noir grapes at the Castello della Sala estate are situated at an altitude of over 1300 feet (400 meters) above sea level on calcareous soils rich in marine fossils which alternate with strata of sedimentary sands from the Pliocene epoch. The wine was first produced in 1990. Castello della Sala is a fortress erected in the 14th century located approximately ten miles (18 kilometers) from the city of Orvieto and was acquired by the Antinori family in 1940.

Tasting Notes

Pinot Nero della Sala 2020 is a translucent ruby red color with garnet hues. The nose expresses delicate notes of wild berries, pomegranate, currants, and cherries followed by spicy hints of pink pepper. Soft and silky on the palate, Pinot Nero della Sala 2020 is elegant and delicate yet at the same time complex with outstanding persistence.