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Tenuta CastelGiocondo
Campo ai Sassi 2009

Formati

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Rosso di Montalcino DOC

Campo ai Sassi Rosso di Montalcino displays the same characteristics as Brunello, but in a more youthful, less complicated manner. It is produced from the same grape, Sangiovese, but from vineyards with vines that have very deep roots and yield wines which are aromatic and elegant, and less tannic than the Brunello.

Climatic trend

The balance sheet is strikingly positive, particularly regarding the outstanding quality level of the fruit harvested. Spring 2009, as was the case in previous years, brought endless rainstorms, which severely tested the vineyard staff as they labored to balance vine growth and control pests, but the rain at the same time built up groundwater reserves. June and July, however, brought light levels of rain, which reversed the slowdown in vine growth and brought forward the ripening stage. The vines were thus able to perform at their best, and the grapes ripened slightly early compared to the previous years. September's cool nights and warm, sunny days ensured that this demanding grape variety ripened perfectly and yielded wines of remarkable quality. Favourable growing conditions made it possible to bring into the cellars optimally-ripened grapes with good acid levels and complex aromatics.

Technical notes

Origin: Castel Giocondo Estate in Montalcino
Altimetry: 250-450 m
Surface: 90 ha, within the 152 ha of sangiovese registrered in the DOCG Brunello di Montalcino appellation
Exposure: South, southwest
Soil typology: Rich in "galestro", with clay, limestone, and rich in calcium
Plant density: 5.500 vineyards/ha
Breeding: Low spur pruned cordon
Vineyard age: Since 1990 the vineyards recently plant
Wine Variety: Sangiovese 100%
Maceration Time: 15 days
Malolactic Fermentation: Immediately following alcoholic fermentation
Maturation: Part in 80 hl and in 100 hl Slavonian oak casks, part in french oak barrels - 12 months and 4 months in bottles

Tasting notes

A vibrant, sparkling ruby red greets the eye. A lavishly fragrant nose offers up rich, multi-layered fruit, such as dark cherry and blackberry, dried plum, and wild berry fruit, gradually lifted by slaty mineral, roasted espresso bean, cocoa powder, and sweet tobacco leaf. The mouth is impressively warm and smooth textured, the fleshy, fine-grained tannins already well integrated. A lengthy, fruit-edged finish completes a wine notable for the calibrated balance of its components.

Wine pairing: Egg-pasta dishes such as pappardelle in hare sauce, or with boar, or with any red meat, whether steak or stews.