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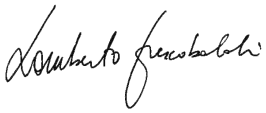
Bordolese (0,75), Magnum (1,5 l), Duble Magnum (3 l), Imperiale (6 l), Melchior (18 l).

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I love the fact that, millennia ago, this land was submerged by the sea. Then, 700 years ago, my ancestors planted these sandy, clay-rich terroirs with the first vines, thus beginning our story as wine growers. Today, Giramonte is produced here, a Cru with a modern character yet one that is faithful to the history and nature of this land.



Climatic trend

On the hills of Castiglioni, the vines began to sprout new shoots in early April, following a dry and relatively mild winter. There was some rain in March and April, which helped build up the water reserves necessary for the development of the young shoots. The flowering stage and subsequent summer season were characterised by a lack of rainfall and high temperatures that enabled the grape bunches to grow and mature in a healthy environment. Thanks to their ability to store moisture, Castiglioni's typical clay-rich soils played an essential role in alleviating drought stress caused by the lack of rain in summer, and helped the grapes to reach highly concentrated levels of sugar and polyphenols.

Vinification and ageing

The Merlot and Sangiovese grapes were selected by hand, between the end of September (Merlot) and the beginning of October (Sangiovese). Alcoholic fermentation took place spontaneously in stainless steel vats at a controlled temperature, with light pumping over, especially in the early days. Malolactic fermentation took place in new French oak barriques, where the wine then remained to mature for the next 16 months. It was aged for a further 6 months in the bottle, for a Giramonte with excellent sensory qualities, resulting in a beautiful vintage.

Tasting notes

Giramonte 2017 boasts a wonderful deep ruby-red colour. The bouquet is extraordinarily complex, with an enveloping and intense ripeness. Sensations turn to liquorice, vanilla and star anise. Finally, the nose is seduced by toasted notes with a subtle smokiness. Enveloping the palate, the wine gives rise to soft sensations like velvet. It is warm and round, with intense fruity notes and a delicately spicy, fresh and elegant finish. The tannins are fine yet intense.

Awards

James Suckling: 95 Points