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A Cru born in 1974 and produced only in the best years with Sangiovese grapes from the homonymous vineyard 400m above sea level. An intense wine with grand aromas and a long, noble persistence, Montesodi has always been considered the highest expression of Sangiovese at Castello Nipozzano

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Climatic trend

Winter 2013 was characterised by cold days with temperatures falling below 0°C and infrequent but significant snowfalls. Spring was cool with rain showers that were well-distributed throughout the season. Summer was particularly cool when compared to the seasonal averages, but heat waves at the end of July and the first ten days in August favoured Sangiovese's veraison. The temperature difference between day and night aided the gradual ripening process. Montesodi, expresses excellent freshness, elegance, harmony and longevity.

Technical notes

Origin: Castello Nipozzano, Pèlago Altimetry: 400 m (1312 feet) Surface: 20 hectares Exposure: Southwest Soil typology: Dry, rocky alberese-type limestone and clay, well drained and with little organic matter Plant density: 5,850 vines per hectare Breeding: Guyot Vineyard age: More than 20 years Wine Variety: Sangiovese Alcohol content: 13,50% Maceration Time: 30 days Malolactic Fermentation: IImmediately following initial fermentation Ageing containers: Large Austrian and French 30hl ovals Ageing time: 18 months in oak and 6 months in the bottle

Tasting notes

Montesodi 2013, intensely ruby red in colour, surprises with its balance between the floral violet notes and the fresh and balsamic ones. Also present are notes of bergamot and bitter candied orange. In the mouth the wine is fresh, complex and balanced. The tannins blend well with the body resulting in a wine that is velvety to the palate. The acidic component is noteworthy and joins elegantly with the alcoholic content. The finish is highlighted by mixed berries such as blackberry and raspberry with an added light liquorish note.

Wine pairing: Outstanding with grilled meats, and the ideal partner to bistecca alla fiorentina.

Awards

JamesSuckling.Com: 93 Points Vinibuoni: Crown Vitae: 4 viti Vinum: 17 Points The Wine Advocate: 92+ Points Wine Enthusiast: 93 Points Falstaff: 94 Points