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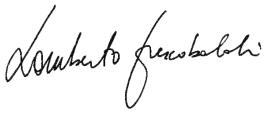
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This is the great wine of Castello di Nipozzano, from the Mormoreto vineyard planted in 1976. The first vintage was from the harvest of 1983 and since then this wine has only been produced in the most favourable years. It was not produced in 1984, 1987, 1989, 1992, 1998 and 2002. Since the 2013 vintage, the elegance of Sangiovese has further enhanced the qualities of the Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot grapes planted 150 years ago and used in the production, resulting in a wine even more strongly tied to its terroir. Mormoreto is a wine of great depth, opulence and refinement that can be cellared for many years.



Climatic trend

In 2015, the ripening of the grapes was excellent thanks to the long summer, the high temperatures and the favourable climate. Winter made an appearance only in the second week of February, slowing down the plants' awakening by about ten days. Spring began in earnest on March 21. The flowering phase was favoured by the alternating sunny and mild days, and lower than average rainfall when compared to the previous five years. Summer will be remembered as one of the warmest and sunniest of the past decade. July, in particular, was noteworthy for reaching temperatures above 30°C with very little rainfall.Nipozzano's microclimate - created by the interaction between the soil, the vineyards exposure, and the weather - provided additional benefits to a homogenous and gradual veraison. The beneficial rains of the first week of August once again modified the season's rhythm, accelerating the ripening process and bringing the harvest of excellent and healthy grapes forward to the end of August.

Technical notes

Origin: Castello Nipozzano
Altimetry: from 250m to 300m (from 820 to 985 feet)
Surface: 25 ha of the namesake vineyard
Exposure: South
Soil typology: 1) terrain rich in sand, well drained. Fair presence of calcium. PH neutral or slightly alkaline. 2) terrain of limstone, rich in clay and very well supplied with calcium. "White" grounds. Rich in surface stones, PH alkaline.
Plant density: Over 5,800 vines per hectare
Breeding: Spurred cordon
Vineyard age: More than 20 years
Wine Variety: Largely Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Sangiovese, with a touch of Petit Verdot
Alcohol content: 14%
Maceration Time: Each variety ferments and macerates separately for 35 days in stainless steel at temperatures below 35°C (95°F), followed by 20 days of maceration on the skins.
Malolactic Fermentation: Immediately following initial fermentation
Ageing containers: Hand-split oak barrels, partly new and partly once-used
Ageing time: 24 months in partly new and partly once-used oak barrels, followed by a further 6 months in the bottle

Tasting notes

Mormoreto 2015 presents itself with an impenetrably intense ruby colour and a complex nose: red fruits such as blueberry and raspberry are followed by a balanced bouquet of black jasmine tea and toasted coffee bean with a light touch of vanilla. In the mouth the wine is fresh, complex, persistent 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. Tasted January 2018.

Wine pairing: Terrific partner with any long-cooked meat dish, such as marinades, pot roasts, and stews. Delicious with aged cheeses.

Awards

JamesSuckling.Com: 95 Points
Doctor Wine: 94 Points
Wine Spectator: 92 Points
Wine Enthusiast: 91 Points