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Toscana IGT

When walking along the rows of Cabernet and Petit Verdot, I always think back to 150 years ago when my ancestors first planted these varieties and dreamed of producing a great wine. That dream came true in 1983, thanks to my uncle Leonardo's endeavour, with the Mormoreto Cru, a wine of vibrant, deep, harmonious character. From 2013 the addition of a small quantity of Sangiovese increased its elegance even further.

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Climatic trend

The 2016 season at Castello Nipozzano can be considered a great vintage. With regard to temperatures, 2016 was characterised by a late, cool spring and a warm and sunny August, but it is the rainfall above all that explains this excellent growing season. There was abundant precipitation during the flowering period, which then became scarce from the end of June until harvest. Together with the high summer temperatures, this led to the early ripening of varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

Vinification and ageing

Grapes were harvested by hand from the Mormoreto vineyard in 15 kg crates. After an initial sorting of the clusters on the vine, they were selected again upon their arrival in the cellar. This attention to detail ensures the greatest possible quality. Alcoholic fermentation took place at controlled temperatures and lasted for ten days. Maceration was defined based on tasting, and was finished after a period of one month. After racking, the wine was completed, bringing the malolactic fermentation process to a close. At the end of the year, Mormoreto started its ageing process in French oak barriques, where it remained for the next two years, until it was bottled. The subsequent months in the bottle enabled Mormoreto to become refined, expressing its maximum elegance and potential.

Tasting notes

Mormoreto 2016 is immediately recognisable as a wine with great character, owing to its intense purple colour. The bouquet is enchanting, opening with a marvellously deep floral character of jasmine and bergamot, followed by distinct notes of ripe fruit, raspberry, blackberry and hints of citrus. The complexity is accentuated with an intriguing spiciness at the end, with notes of tea and gentle vanilla aromas. The palate offers the density of the flowers and fruit already detected on the nose. The structure of the wine develops in a beautifully harmonious way. The grain of the tannins is particularly fine and pleasant, and helps to accentuate the long and persistent finish. Mormoreto is a vibrant and long-lasting wine that offers outstanding refinement and balance.



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