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Toscana IGT

When walking among 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 with the Mormoreto Cru, a wine of vibrant, deep, harmonious character. From 2013 a small quantity of Sangiovese increased its elegance even further.

Climatic trend

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Winter was cold, particularly in the latter stages marked by a number of rainy and snowy spells, and was followed by a mixed spring. Sunny days and rainy ones, including those marked by fairly heavy showers, alternated during this period. This rainfall helped re-stabilise the water reserves. Thanks to the higher spring temperatures, the vine's natural life-cycle ran its course in line with seasonal norms. High temperatures were also recorded throughout summer. The torrential downpours in the second half of August provided that cool spell needed for the grapes to ripen beautifully. The varying temperatures in September helped the aromas to develop and ensured that the freshness typical of Castello Nipozzano wines was maintained.

Vinification and ageing

With its sandy soils and south-western exposure, the Mormoreto vineyard is located 300 metres above sea level. Grapes from the Mormoreto vineyard were harvested by hand with 15 kg crates. After sorting in the vineyard, the bunches were carefully selected upon arrival in the cellar. This close attention to detail guaranteed the best possible quality. The 2018 harvest yielded beautifully ripe grapes with a splendid hint of acidity. Malolactic fermentation took place immediately after racking. At the end of the year, the Mormoreto began ageing in French oak-wood barriques, where it remained for the next two years, taking full advantage of the natural micro-oxygenation facilitated by oak. After bottling, the subsequent months-long ageing period enabled the Mormoreto to develop balance, resulting in an elegant wine able to fulfil every ounce of its potential.

Tasting notes

Mormoreto 2018 boasts a lovely, intense and radiant ruby-red colour. The bouquet is most intriguing, with fruity notes of cranberry, raspberry, fig jam and black cherry. The spiced notes, including tea and roasted coffee bean, are wonderfully balanced. Its balsamic quality is very striking. It is fresh, complex, persistent balanced and well-rounded on the palate. The mature, silky-smooth tannins are well integrated. The acidity is prominent and combines elegantly with the alcohol.