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Toscana IGT

As I walk between the rows of Cabernet and Petit Verdot, my mind always wanders back to 150 years ago, when my ancestors first planted these varieties, guided by their desire to create a truly great wine. In 1983, this dream became a reality with the birth of Cru Mormoreto, a wine with a vibrant, deep and harmonious character. Since 2013, it has also included a small amount of Sangiovese to underscore its elegance.

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Climatic trend

At Castello Nipozzano, winter 2019 was characterised by long periods of sunshine and low temperatures. The spring, however, was cool, and the rain that fell created good water reserves to see the vines through the hot summer days. The summer period saw notable temperature variations, cooling off at night, helped in large part by the usual breezes from the Apennine slopes. Warmed by the sun and caressed by the cool air, the grapes were perfectly ripe and healthy when harvesttime came around. The resulting wines were typical of the area, set apart by their distinctive acidic edge and silky tannins.

Vinification and ageing

The Mormoreto vineyard is located 300 metres above sea level, planted in sandy soils with a southwestern exposure. The grapes from the Mormoreto vineyard were harvested by hand into 15 kg crates. After the initial selection process in the vineyard, they were further refined upon arrival in the cellar. This attention to detail always ensures the highest possible quality. The 2019 harvest yielded wonderfully ripe grapes with a beautifully acidic edge. Malolactic fermentation took place immediately after racking. At the end of the year, the Mormoreto wine began its long stay in French oak barriques, where it would remain for the next two years, taking full advantage of the natural micro-oxygenation provided by oak. Several further months of ageing after bottling allowed the Mormoreto to find its balance, expressing its true elegance and potential.

Tasting notes

The 2019 Mormoreto is an intense and vibrant ruby-red colour with purple highlights. The bouquet is extremely complex, ranging from notes of red fruits – like cranberries, raspberries and black cherries – to hints of date and fig, with a delicate citrus finish. The floral aromas of jasmine and dog rose add an interesting dimension. Later, more advanced notes of coffee bean, cocoa powder, tea and tobacco come to the fore. On the palate it is complex, balanced and persistent. This wine combines soft and silky tannins with an extremely long finish.