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This superbly elegant and stylish blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Bianco comes from one of Tuscany's greatest white-wine growing areas, grown in vineyards at elevations as high as 700 metres.

Climatic trend

The 2008 spring will be remembered as the rainiest of the last few decades, with temperatures dipping well below average. Rain and wind in June, right during the bloom period, led to less than optimal fruit set; the clusters showed smaller-sized grapes. In July and August, however, generous sunlight and warm temperatures in Tuscany partially remedied the slow development. The summer months, including September, were sunny and hot, and sufficient reserves of water in the soil helped ensure ideal ripeness levels across all grape varieties. This mild, sunny weather continued through the harvest period; the absence of rain (it rained only one day during harvest) meant that the cellars were able to carry out operations with ease.

Technical notes

Origin: Castello di Pomino, Pomino, Rùfina
Altimetry: 450-730 meters (From 1476 to 2395 feet)
Surface: 52 Ha (128 Acres)
Exposure: South-west
Soil typology: sandy, clay, of good depth and marginally high acidity
Plant density: 5.000 vines/ha
Breeding: Guyot and spur pruned cordon
Vineyard age: 20 years
Wine Variety: Mainly Chardonnay and Pinot Bianco, with small parts of complementary varieties
Maceration Time: None
Malolactic Fermentation: Partially done
Maturation: Stainless steel with a small part of French barriques - 4 months in stainless steel, 3 months in barriques, 1 month in bottles

Tasting notes

Pomino Bianco appears a sparkling straw yellow, beguiling and rich. A dense florality is first to emerge on the nose, with hedgerow then yielding to apple, pear, and peach. The final impressions are of a delicate, earthy minerality suggestive of the lofty hill of Pomino. The palate lays out an impressive savouriness complemented nicely by a crisp acidity, and crowned by a citrus-infused finish. This is a refreshing, very delicate wine, with a long-lingering finish.

Wine pairing: As an aperitif, or with vegetarian antipasti, fish steaks or fillets, such as salmon