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Castello Nipozzano
Nipozzano Vecchie Viti 2017



Formati

0.375 lt, Standard (0.75 lt), Magnum (1.5 lt), Double Magnum (3lt)

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Chianti Rufina Riserva DOCG

This wine has been selected by the Frescobaldi family to continue the tradition of reserving a Private Collection for its new productions. It originates from the oldest vines of Castello Nipozzano, which have a deep root structure. This highly complex, harmonious wine is matured for 24 months in oak barrels in accordance with the ancient Tuscan tradition.

Climatic trend

Winter 2017 was mild and dry. In spring, the early sprouting of the vines brought the growing season forward. During the spring the arrival of sporadic rains restored the water table of the vineyards, guaranteeing a good blooming but still ahead of time compared with the previous season. The 2017 harvest began at the end of August, at the end of a hot, dry summer that made it possible to harvest grapes that were well ripened and qualitatively rich in body and colour.

Technical notes

Wine Variety: Sangiovese and complementary varieties
Alcohol content: 14%
Maturation: 24 months in casks

Vinification and ageing

Once harvested, the Sangiovese grapes and traditional complementary varieties were immediately brought to the cellar. After de-stemming, the natural fermentation process began in cement tanks. The wine remained in the vats at the end to finish maceration. The wine was then left to age further in wooden barrels for the time necessary. The subsequent period spent ageing in the bottle enabled all the components to balance out better, making it possible to fully appreciate the wine's essence once opened.

Tasting notes

Vecchie Viti 2017 has a beautifully intense and radiant ruby-red colour. The nose has the bold character typical of this vintage. Among the main descriptors, fruity notes begin with red and black berries, including raspberry, wild strawberry, black cherry, blackcurrant and blackberry. These are supported by sweet vanilla and rounded off with balsamic notes. There are also slight hints of pepper and cinnamon. The palate is well-rounded and sumptuously elegant; the alcohol and acidic content balance out perfectly. The tannins are smooth and well integrated. The after-taste is fruity with a hint of juniper berry. The mineral finish is long and juicy.

Awards

James Suckling: 93 Points