



Ampio 2020

Classification

Toscana IGT

Vintage

2020

Climate

The 2020 growing season was defined by mild winter conditions with abundant rainfall that guaranteed generous groundwater resources available for the beginning of the vines' vegetative cycle. Spring was initially cool but continued with temperatures consistent with seasonal averages prompting bloom and fruit set right on schedule. Summer weather, relatively hot and dry, ensured normal vine growth and optimal development and ripening of the berries. Harvesting activities began the third week of September with Cabernet Franc that gave the wine an elegant tannic structure, continued one week later with Cabernet Sauvignon with rich aromas of small dark perfectly ripe fruit. The harvest was completed at the very beginning of October with Carménère whose grapes were characterized by complex and spicy aromas.



Vinification

Ampio delle Mortelle is crafted from the best vineyards on the Le Mortelle estate. Grapes are harvested into small crates and brought to the cellar where they are carefully selected by hand. Using the technique of gravity flow, only the finest berries reach special truncated-cone tanks: a winemaking process that preserves the purity and freshness of the grapes. The tanks' particular shape and the unique punching-down method guarantee a winemaking process that is delicate yet decisive, enhancing the aromas, well-balanced tannins, and the individual characteristics of each grape variety. The different lots, separated by grape variety, were transferred to new French oak barriques where malolactic fermentation took place and continued to age for approximately 18 months. Ampio delle Mortelle was blended and aged for an additional period of 12 months in the bottle before being released for sale.

Historical Data

The Le Mortelle estate is in the heart of Maremma in Tuscany, near the town of Castiglione della Pescaia set in an extraordinary and fascinating position both for the territory's unparalleled natural beauty and its historical heritage and culture. The Antinori family has always been present in this area. Evidence of ownership of land in this area is recorded on a property deed dated 1863. It states their ownership of Poggio Franco, one of the best vineyards on the estate, together with other parcels of land. Since 1999, when the property was acquired, the family has dedicated their efforts to improving the vineyards and building the new winery with the firm belief that this area, slowly emerging on the Italian viticultural horizon, has great potential for the production of high-quality wines. Varieties grown in this area can fully express their own characteristics as well as the exceptional qualities of the terroir.

Tasting Notes

Ampio delle Mortelle 2019 is a deep ruby red color. The nose opens with impressive aromatic complexity: spicy notes of black pepper and licorice are accompanied by hints of small wild berries especially black currants. The elegant bouquet is completed by delicate undertones of bay leaves, violets and hints of chocolate, graphite, and tobacco. Its palate is seductive with silky, mouth filling tannins. Ampio delle Mortelle expresses great balance and elegance with a lengthy finish that boasts hints of bitter cocoa and blueberries.