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Ampio 2017 (Clone 2022-07-21 14:29:19)

Classification
Toscana IGT

Vintage
2018

Climate
The 2018 growing season started out with lower-than-average temperatures and repeated rain showers in winter and spring. These climatic conditions recharged groundwater reserves prompting a normal growth cycle and optimal fruit set. Summer weather was hot, but the vineyards were not affected by excessive heat spikes. Selective leaf removal in the month of June and prompt cluster thinning at the beginning of August guaranteed excellent vine balance and allowed the grapes to progress to perfect ripeness. The grape harvest, postponed several days compared to seasonal averages, began the third week of September with Cabernet Franc with flavorful vibrant and spicy sensations, then continued at the end of the month with Cabernet Sauvignon characterized by fragrant notes of dark fruit. The harvest was completed the first week of October with Carménère with berries that gave the wine structure and a characteristic aromatic profile.

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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 our unique punching-down method guarantee a winemaking process that is delicate yet decisive enhancing the aromas, tannin balance and 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 were then aged 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 is dark ruby red in color. The nose expresses its captivating character with spicy notes of black pepper and licorice accompanied by pleasant aromas of small dark mixed berries especially currants and blueberries. Its bouquet is completed by delicate hints of aromatic herbs, violet blossoms and subtle sensations of cloves, tobacco, and chocolate. Its enticing palate is elegant with mouth filling tannins. A lengthy finish has depth with light sensations of bitter chocolate and sour black cherries.