



Matarocchio 2022

Classification

Bolgheri DOC Superiore

Vintage

2022

Climate

The 2022 growing season in Bolgheri was characterized by scarce rainfall from the final stages of winter through much of the summer. These climatic conditions led to an early onset of budbreak as well as all subsequent phenological phases, including flowering, fruit set, and veraison. From mid-August onward, the arrival of rainfall proved beneficial during the crucial ripening period. This seasonal trend ensured excellent grape health while also favoring reduced vegetative growth and smaller berry size. Thanks to the August rainfall, grapes at harvest showed a good balance between sugar levels, acidity, and fruit maturity, together with pronounced varietal aromatic expression. Cabernet Franc for Matarocchio was harvested between September 14th and 21st.



Vinification

The grapes were hand harvested and, after careful berry-by-berry sorting, gently crushed. Alcoholic fermentation and the subsequent maceration took place in stainless steel tanks for 25 days at a controlled temperature of 28 °C (82 °F). The wine was then transferred into second and third fill French oak barriques, where malolactic fermentation was completed. It subsequently aged for 18 months in new French oak barriques; after careful tastings, the finest barrels were selected and blended to craft Matarocchio. The wine then rested in the bottle for over a year before being released to the market.

Historical Data

The Guado al Tasso estate is located in the small but prestigious Bolgheri DOC, on the coast of upper Maremma, about one hundred kilometers southwest from Florence. This appellation has a relatively recent history, DOC Bolgheri was approved in 1995 and since then it has become an internationally recognized reference point for the Italian and international winemaking arena. The estate covers an area of about 320 hectares (790 acres) planted with vines, set in a beautiful plain encircled by rolling hillsides known as the "Bolgheri Amphitheatre" due to its particular shape. The vineyards are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Vermentino. There is also a small presence of Grenache, Petit Verdot, Viognier and Sémillon. The nearby sea provides a mild climate with constant breezes that mitigate summer heat and alleviate harsh winter weather, maintaining a clear sky and a high level of sunlight exposure.

Tasting Notes

Matarocchio 2022 is an intense ruby red color. On the nose it is seductive, with spicy notes of white pepper and pleasant aromas of sage, juniper, tobacco leaves, blackcurrant, and violet. On the palate it is enveloping, intense, and deep; sweet, silky tannins support an elegant mouthfeel of great balance and persistence. A vintage that is already enjoyable upon release, while also showing excellent aging potential.