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Sabazio Vino Rosso di Montepulciano 2023

Classification

Rosso Di Montepulciano DOC

Vintage

2023

Climate

Autumn 2022 brought hot and dry weather providing ideal conditions for managing vineyard soils and pruning. The winter season saw mild temperatures and regular rain showers that guaranteed optimal groundwater reservoirs in vineyard soils. Budbreak began at the beginning of April when conditions were cool and rainy. Temperatures in June rose significantly while the month of August brought scattered rainfall and optimal temperature swings between day and night ushering in a perfect beginning to the ripening phase. The grape harvest for Sabazio began on September 11th with Merlot, which was slightly later than seasonal averages, and was completed on October 7th with Sangiovese. Harvested fruit presented excellent balance.

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Vinification

Harvested grapes were brought to the cellar, destemmed, and gently crushed. The must was transferred into temperature controlled stainless steel tanks where alcoholic fermentation took place at a temperature that did not exceed 25 °C (77 °F) to preserve and intensify the aromatic profile of each grape variety. Sabazio was left to age in stainless steel vats where malolactic fermentation took place and continued to age for approximately 4 months before bottling at the end of June 2024.

Historical Data

Fattoria La Braccesca extends over a total surface area of over 1,250 acres and is composed of two separate blocks: the historic nucleus is located in the town of Montepulciano with some 255 acres planted to vines in the finest sub-zones of the appellation. The other block, with 580 acres of grapes, is situated at the foothills of the town of Cortona. The name of the wine was inspired by Sabatino Lulli, known as Sabazio, a monk of the abbey of Montepulciano, who, for first, in medieval times, offered indications for the production of wine at Montepulciano. The first production of this wine in the zone dates from the 1992 vintage.

Tasting Notes

Sabazio 2023 is ruby red in color. The nose offers intense and captivating notes of red fruit, especially strawberries and cherries together with delicate hints of blood oranges and sweet nuances of cocoa. Smooth and pleasant on the palate, silky tannins are sustained by excellent freshness and accompany a fresh, savory finish accented by a balsamic aftertaste.