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Scalabrone 2021

Classification
Bolgheri DOC Rosato

Vintage
2021

Climate
Bolgheri's 2021 growing season was affected by a long stretch of dry weather that lasted from June until the end of September. This growing season differed from 2017 as the winter months were exceptionally rainy and significantly increased groundwater resources in the deep soils that characterize this territory, providing the vines with the right amount of moisture for the entire growth cycle. A relatively cool spring season led to a slight delay in bud break and flowering. Summer temperatures were never excessively hot allowing the grapes to gradually progress to ripeness in all vineyards with plump, firm, healthy berries. The grape harvest began with Merlot at the beginning of September, continued with Syrah and other complementary varieties, and was completed mid-September with Cabernet Sauvignon.

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Vinification

Each grape variety was harvested and fermented separately. Grapes were destemmed, delicately crushed and transferred to the press for a short maceration period of about 2-4 hours at a low temperature to intensify the richness of emerging aromatic compounds. After pressing, the must was transferred into stainless steel tanks where alcoholic fermentation took place at a controlled temperature of 16 °C (61 °F). Each individual lot was carefully and systematically evaluated and then blended. Scalabrone was bottled in January 2022.

Historical Data

Tenuta Guado al Tasso is located in the small but prestigious Bolgheri DOC appellation on the coast of Upper Maremma, about one hundred kilometers southwest of Florence. This appellation has a relatively recent history, having been established in 1994, yet it has gained worldwide recognition as a new reference point in the international wine scene. Tenuta Guado al Tasso extends over approximately 320 hectares of vineyards set within a beautiful plain surrounded by rolling hills, known as the "Bolgheri amphitheater" for its distinctive shape. The estate's vineyards are planted predominantly with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Syrah and Vermentino, the latter cultivated in both white- and red-berried forms. 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 clear skies and a high level of sunlight exposure. The wine takes its name from the bandit "Scalabrone," who lived in this area in the early 1800s, a local Robin Hood figure who raided ships in Bolgheri's ancient canal harbor.

Tasting Notes

Scalabrone 2021 is light peony pink in color. Its nose delivers intense notes of red berries, especially cherries and pomegranate, accompanied by floral sensations of rose petals and hawthorn blossoms. Its palate is pleasantly fruity, delicate, with excellent freshness and persistence.