POGGIOALTESORO
BOLGHERI · ITALIA

Mediterra 2021

TOSCANA I.G.T.



grape varieties
Syrah 40%, Merlot 30%, Cabernet Sauvignon 30%

vineyard location
Le Sondraie vineyard and Valle di Cerbaia vineyard

altitude
25 m a.s.l. (82 ft)

exposure
West

soil characteristic
Clay, well drained sandy silt, with high concentrations of magnesium and iron

training system
Spurred cordon and guyot

planting dates
16 years

density
7,936 vines/Ha (3,211 vines/ac)

vinification
De-stemming and then soft pressing of the grapes

fermentation
In temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

fermentation temperature
26/28°C (79/82°F)

length of fermentation
15 days

malolactic fermentation
In temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

ageing
Partly in steel and 8 months in second passage French oak barriques

alcohol content	total acidity	residual sugars	dry extract	pH
14% Vol	5,25 g/l	1,4 g/l	29,4 g/l	3.6

There was a long dry period in the Bolgheri area in 2021, which lasted from mid-May until the end of the harvest. Summer was mostly dry and windy, with warm but not excessively muggy temperatures. There were abundant water reserves, thanks to a rainy winter, which were useful for avoiding vine stress during the dry period. The harvest of white and red grapes destined for rosé began in the last week of August. Optimal climatic conditions allowed for the perfect ripening of the grapes, which were very healthy when harvested. At the beginning of September, we harvested the best plots of Vermentino, gradually continuing once the Syrah grapes were ripe and then on to Merlot, and lastly Cabernet, up to the last week of September. A significant temperature difference between night and day, especially at the beginning of September, protected the acidity of the grapes and helped to preserve aromatic components. Vinification brought forth expressive, refreshing whites and rosés, and fragrant, sapid reds rich with a polyphenolic component important for long ageing. We consider 2021 to be a very lovely vintage, and it is characterised by fresh and mineral wines that are also full-bodied with elegant tannins, wonderful aromas, and an excellent finish.

A blend characterized by a high percentage of Syrah, a strong and clear wine, with intense olfactory sensations of red fruit and spices, a soft and enveloping taste that moves, in a dynamic and lively way, between notes of red berries and sweet toasted notes, supported by a pleasant acidity that increases the drinkability.

An ideal pairing with various meat dishes, cold cuts and medium-matured cheeses, including Italian pecorino. It should be enjoyed slightly chilled, with seafood dishes such as mullet in tomato sauce, poached fish and Livorno-style salt cod.

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