

Sondraia 2020

BOLGHERI SUPERIORE D.O.C.



grape varieties

Cabernet Sauvignon 65%, Merlot 25%, Cabernet Franc 10%



vineyard location

altitude

Via Bolgherese, Cabernet Sauvignon (3.00 Via Bolgherese 56 m (183 ft) a.s.l.; Le ha – 7.40 ac); Le Sondraie, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon (12,00 ha – 29.65 ac)

Sondraie 35 m (114 ft) a.s.l.

exposure

soil characteristic

Via Bolgherese: deep soils with coarsegrained red sand, gravelly, well drained with a layer of clay at 120 cm (46 inches) below the surface. Slightly sub-alkaline. Le Sondraie: clayey with well-drained sandysilt and high concentrations of magnesium and iron

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training system Spurred cordon planting dates

density

Via Bolgherese 9,000-10,000 vines/Ha

West - South/West

(3,642-4,046 vines/ac) Le Sondraie: 7,936

vines/Ha (3,211 vines/ac)





vinification

Grapes are de-stemmed then soft pressed to partially rupture of the berries

fermentation

In temperature controlled stainless steel

fermentation temperature 28/30°C (82/86°F)

length of fermentation

malolactic fermentation

12/15 days Carried out naturally in barriques in

November

22 months in 225 litres French oak barriques (70% new, 30% second use)







Climatic conditions in Bolgheri were quite well-balanced. Apart from a few cold nights at the end of March when the temperature dropped below freezing, the rest of spring was beautiful and sunny with some rain at the right moments to ensure proper vegetative growth with uniform flowering and fruit set. There were very few rainy days in June, except for some rainfall during the first week which prevented the vines from experiencing water stress, something that should be avoided during this stage of ripening. Towards the end of August, summer temperatures gradually began to drop after some rainfall, making it possible to begin the harvest. September was sunny and warm with a wide range of temperatures, typical for the area, for the rest of the harvest.



After just a few vintages Sondraia has become a classic in the Bolgheri area, thanks to a style that seeks a powerful profile but with harmony and finesse. Perfectly ripe grapes and painstaking work in the cellar yield a wine with intense notes of fresh fruit and herbs which follow through on the palate, where the wine opens up with great class and silky smoothness.



A natural match with char-grilled meats, particularly beef, Sondraia is also recommended with kebabs, roasted veal, pork, lamb shank, ribs or ossobuco. It is enhanced when paired with smoked ricotta cheese, Parmigiano Reggiano and mediummatured sheep's milk cheeses.