



TENUTA DI TRINORO

Le Cupole 2021 | Tenuta di Trinoro



The second wine of Tenuta di Trinoro, Le Cupole was first produced in 1995. The blend of the four grape varieties Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot, changes every year with the respect to the vintage. Fermented in stainless steel and aged in one to three year-old barriques and cement, Le Cupole is velvety and approachable. This wine hits the palate with exuberance, full of fleshy, bright fruit, extracted tannins, and rich colour.

Vintage 2021

The short winter, which lasted just one January and ended with the copious snowfall in February, made us nervous reappearing during Spring and bringing in a cold draft of air from the east that paralyzed every crop. The plants of the plain had just begun their journey towards the 2021 harvest, at least 15 days earlier than usual due to the high temperatures in March, when the whole peninsula was overwhelmed by a current of cold air from 7th to 9th April. We use 4000 anti-frost candles in the vineyards, creating an unfortunately necessary evocative show.

In the following months, the plants are hit by record hot temperatures and without any rain they try to source from the deepest layers of the root system.

We irrigate, but that's not enough. We start green harvesting to relieve the vines and allow them to complete the ripening of the few bunches left using the low water resources of the vintage, with leaves and branches protecting the bunches from sunburn. Summer goes by without rain, until the end of August.

A very hot September starts, the bunches find some relief only at night, when fresh air descending from Mount Amiata crosses the valley. On September 9th we harvest our half hectare of Semillon which has now reached ripeness.

We taste the Merlot looking for ripeness but the result is just sugar with no flavours. On September 17th the long-awaited rain arrives and revitalizes everything, lowers the temperatures and makes the Merlot explode in fruit and flavours, so we take advantage of the cooler days to harvest from September 21st until the 24th. Sparse and light grapes with fiery red stems, earlier than usual.

With the Merlot fermenting in the cellar we wait for the Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon, while temperatures rise again in a never ending summer. The ripeness is still far away, Autumn starts with heavy rains between October 4th and 7th, at night temperatures are below zero. We collect the Franc on October 12th, 14th and 16th, small bunches with thick skin and generous pulp.

Suddenly we have a winter climate and we run to get jackets. Finally, on October 16th and 21st we harvest the late Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot in a very cold climate.

The result is wines with more firm tannins marked by drought and by the different ripening times, but with a nose and a body strongly influenced by the cold that has arrived, vivid nose and dense but energetic and fresh bodies.

We let the 45 parcels age in barriques until the new year when we will decide the blends of the 2021 vintage.

Denomination	IGT Rosso Toscana
Area of production	Val d'Orcia, where Tuscany, Umbria and Lazio meet
Blend	Merlot 56%, Cabernet Franc 26%, Cabernet Sauvignon 11%, Petit Verdot 7%
Age of vineyard	28-30 years
Planting density	10.000 plants per hectare
Altitude	450-600 m asl
Yield	50 Q/Ha
Harvest time	From September 21st to October 21st
Type of harvest	Hand selected
Fertilization	Manure
Treatment	Clay, propolis, grapefruit seed extract, copper and sulphur
Vinification	Fermentation in stainless steel Vats for 10-15 days
Aging	French oak barrels, and cement tanks
Bottling	Waning moon March 2023
Production	100.000 bottles

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