

Poggio al Tesoro,
`W Dedicato a Walter` Cabernet Franc 2016
Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Cabernet Franc
Winemaker	Lorenzo Fortini
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	15%
Residual Sugar	1.6g/L
Acidity	6g/L
Wine pH	3.57
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

Poggio al Tesoro is a 70 hectare property in Bolgheri acquired in 2002 by the Allegrini family. The first vineyard they bought, Le Sondraie, is next door to Ornellaia and was previously rented by them. It is 50 hectares in size and is planted with Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and a small amount of Vermentino.

VINEYARDS

This wine is produced from just two rows of vines covering three hectares in the single vineyard "Soprastrada" in the prestigious Via Bolgherese. The vineyard faces west/south-west, situated just 56 metres above sea level, with coarse red sandstone and a layer of deep compact clay, rich in minerals. The vines planted in 1994 are spur-cordon trained, planted at 9,000 vines per hectare. The wine is named after Walter Allegrini, the late brother of Marilisa and Franco.

VINTAGE

Another vintage to remember, defined by many as one of the earliest on record in Bolgheri. After a rather mild winter, albeit with heavy rainfall, the spring months enjoyed regular rainfall that fostered the uniform development of the buds, which had already appeared in early March. The summer season was dry and breezy with some rainfall in early September that enabled the grapes to ripen in perfect health. During the pre-harvest period, broad variations in day-night temperatures encouraged phenolic and aromatic ripening while maintaining elevated acidity. Vintage 2016 promises intriguing wines with marked varietal personality, good structure and great ageing potential.

VINIFICATION

After de-stemming and soft pressing to partially break the berries, fermentation took place in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks at 28-30°C for 15 days with a further 25-30 days skin contact. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in barriques at 22°C during the month of November. The wine was aged in 100% new French oak barriques for 24 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

A rich, dark wine, with a nose of black-berried fruit, black pepper and balsamic hints of eucalyptus. The palate is rich and imposing with integrated velvety tannins, making it both powerful and refined.