

Poggio al Tesoro, `Cassiopea` Bolgheri Rosato 2020

Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy



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

The grapes for this wine were sourced from 3 hectares of Le Sondraie west-facing vineyard situated 25 metres above sea level. Soils here are free-draining and a mixture of clay and sandy silt with a high presence of magnesium and iron. Planting density is nearly 8000 vines per hectare. The vines are trained to the Guyot system and spur pruned and are 13 years old. Yields are around 63 hectolitres per hectare.

VINTAGE

2020 vintage was quite well balanced in Bolgheri, except for a few cold nights at the end of March when temperatures dropped below zero. Spring was beautiful and sunny with some rainfall which allowed a perfect vegetative development with uniform flowering and fruit set. June saw very few rainy days, except for some rainfall during the first week which protected the vines from drought stress. Towards the end of August, temperatures gradually began to drop followed by some rainfall. September was warm and sunny with marked diurnal temperatures variation.

VINIFICATION

After soft, whole bunch pressing, the must was fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at 14°C - 16°C for 20 days. No malolactic fermentation was allowed to take place and the wine remained in stainless steel tanks on the fine lees until bottling to add complexity.

TASTING NOTES

Cassiopea is salmon-pink in colour with a fresh, lively perfume of fragrant spices and woodland berries. Its distinctive aroma blends well with its crisp flavour and easy-drinking style. On the palate, it is crisp but with structure.

Grape Varieties	70% Cabernet Franc 30% Merlot
Winemaker	Lorenzo Fortini
Closure	Agglomerated Cork
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	1.4g/L
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.23
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan