Poggio al Tesoro,

`Solosole` Vermentino 2021 Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy





Grape Varieties	100% Vermentino
Winemaker	Christian Coco
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	1.5g/L
Acidity	5.15g/L
Wine pH	3.26
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

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 Solosole are grown on seven hectares of the Le Sondraie vineyard, at an altitude of 25 metres above sea level. The west-facing vineyard has deep soils made up of sand, gravel and clay. The vines are trained in Guyot style and are planted at 7,936 vines per hectare.

VINTAGE

The Bolgheri region experienced a long, dry period in 2021 that ran from mid-May to the end of harvest. Summer was mainly dry and breezy with warm, but not excessively hot, temperatures. Thanks to a wet winter, good water reserves had built up in the soils which proved vital in preventing hydric stress to the vines. A good diurnal range, particularly at the beginning of September, enabled the Vermentino grapes to retain acidity and preserve their aromatic components. The 2021 vintage is characterised by a freshness and minerality, yet is full bodied with excellent persistence.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand harvested and sorted on arrival at the winery. The whole grapes were gently pressed before undergoing a pre-fermentation maceration. Fermentation followed in temperature controlled stainless-steel tanks at temperatures of between 14 to 16° C, for 20-25 days. No malolactic fermentation took place and the wine remained in tank on its fine lees before being bottled, then was aged for a further month in bottle prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

Bright straw yellow in colour, this Vermentino opens on the nose with aromas reminiscent of white flowers and yellow plums. This medium-bodied wine has a succulent palate with refreshing acidity and delicate apricot notes on the finish.

AWARDS

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