

Capezzana,
Vin Santo di Carmignano 2015
Carmignano, Tuscany, Italy



PRODUCER

The Capezzana estate, 24 kilometres north west of Florence, is owned by the Contini Bonacossi family. The younger generation is now firmly in charge of the estate's 80 hectares of vineyard, with daughter Benedetta Contini Bonacossi as winemaker and Franco Bernabei as consultant winemaker. The wines and the olive oil have an elegance which marks this estate out from the crowd.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for the Vin Santo are grown on various vineyards on the 104 hectare estate. These vineyards face east, are around 150 -200 metres above sea level and have schistous-clay soils. Grapes are grown organically and the estate is now fully certified.

VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage started with a dry winter and spring. July was exceptionally hot, with temperatures exceeding 40°C halfway through the month and drought conditions. August experienced little rainfall, but cooler temperatures arrived in the first week of September with the arrival of some rain. Temperatures rose again mid-month, resulting in a consistently hot and dry harvest period. Wines from this vintage have wonderful complexity, aroma profile and ageing potential.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were dried on cane mats in a well-ventilated loft until February. After pressing, the must fermented very slowly in small chestnut and cherry casks for seven years. The casks are known as 'caratelli' and vary between 50, 70, 100 and 200 litres in capacity. The must underwent successive fermentations and clarifications with natural changes in temperature. Final yields were very low, often only a quarter or a fifth of the original grape weight. After ageing in cask, the wine remained in bottle for a further three months before release.

TASTING NOTES

This Vin Santo has a deep golden yellow colour and displays concentrated perfumes on the nose of dried fruit, candied apricot and orange peel, as well as floral nuances of yellow flowers. Rich and intensely sweet on the palate, it has dried apricot and fig flavours which are balanced by a lovely touch of freshness. The finish is very long and spicy.

AWARDS

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Grape Varieties	90% Trebbiano 10% San Colombano
Winemaker	Benedetta Contini Bonacossi
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	274.2g/L
Acidity	7.63g/L
Wine pH	3.7
Notes	Vegetarian, Practising Organic, Vegan