Poggio al Tesoro, **`Mediterra` 2021** Tuscany, Italy





Grape Varieties	40% Syrah
	30% Cabernet Sauvignon
	30% Merlot
Winemaker	Christian Coco
Closure	Agglomerated Cork
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	1.4g/L
Acidity	5.45g/L
Wine pH	3.55
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

Fruit for this wine is sourced from the Le Sondraie vineyard in the port city of Livorno, on the west coast of Tuscany. The vines face west/south-west and are planted at an altitude of just 25 metres above sea level. Soils here are well-drained and composed of clay and sandy silt with a high presence of magnesium and iron. The 15-year-old vines are spur cordon and guyot trained with a very high density of planting (7,936 vines per hectare), producing low yields.

VINTAGE

The Bolgheri area experienced an extended dry period that ran from mid-May until the end of harvest. The summer, while dry, was breezy with warm temperatures. Luckily, this followed a wet winter which built up good water reserves and prevented vine stress throughout the dry period. There were significant temperature changes between day and night, which enabled the grapes to maintain acidity and develop strong aromatics. The 2021 vintage was good overall, and can be characterised by wines that are fresh with a distinct minerality and persistence.

VINIFICATION

After destemming and a gentle pressing, fermentation took place in stainless-steel tanks at temperatures of 26-28°C for 12 days. Following malolactic fermentation, the wine was transferred to second-use French oak barriques where it was aged for eight months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 blend is characterised by a high percentage of Syrah, creating a strong and clear wine with intense notes of cherry, red plum, and warm spices. On the palate, this wine has a soft and enveloping taste filled with red berries and sweet toasted notes, which are supported by a pleasant acidity.

