Maisons Marques & Domaines

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Derthona Timorasso Riserva

Piemonte, Italy
Vintage: 2023

Overview

Conceived from our family's dream to express in "white" the complexity, structure, restraint and longevity of Piedmont's terroir, finally with a local grape variety, Timorasso. From our family-owned vineyards in Vho, in the village of Tortona, with a complete south exposure, 250 meters elevation and calcareous and clay soil.

The complete south exposure and the calcareous-marly soil composition give this wine remarkable minerality, structure and longevity, perfectly balanced by aromatic complexity and expression thanks to the careful choice of early harvesting and the medium-to-large berry size. Released for the first time with the 2023 vintage and produced in very limited quantities, our Derthona shows an exceptional ageing potential, enhancing its mineral and petrol notes over time.

Winemaking

After a partial and short maceration on the skins, alcoholic fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks where Timorasso rests for 1 year. The extended bottle-ageing period of almost 2 years before release grants this wine its "Riserva" designation.

Harvest Notes

After the drought suffered in the previous year, the abundant spring rainfalls in 2023 were beneficial to restore the soil's humidity and structure in our vineyards which have been very well prepared by our Team to catch and absorb the rainstorms. Therefore, also following a mild summer with isolated spikes in temperature, our plants were able to complete their vegetative cycle without any stress, with excellent results both in quantity and quality.

We started the harvest of our white grape varieties slightly late in comparison with the previous year and we completed it in almost 1 week thanks to the particularly good weather conditions. We picked Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc between August 31st and September 7th and finally, after a few years of waiting, we were able to make our first harvest of Timorasso – a very old indigenous white grape variety of Piedmont– in our vineyard located in Vho, in the village of Tortona. All the white musts were already very structured and savory, with a very nice acidity and a pleasant depth.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 100% Timorasso
Aging: 2 years of bottle ageing