



ARGENTIERA 2007

BOLGHERI DOC SUPERIORE

Argentiera Bolgheri DOC Superiore draws its strength and originality from the magnificent land from where it was born. The grapes come from the winery's most suitable vineyards of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc. This is a wine with a rich and silky taste. A long maturation in French oak barrels, the refined structure and the unique terroir of Argentiera make this wine one of the greatest expressions in the Bolgheri area.

COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon 60% Merlot 30% Cabernet Franc 10%

VINIFICATION

The grapes are harvested and selected by hand, coming from the most suitable parcels of the winery which are located between 180 and 200 m.a.s.l. The integral berries fall into the tanks by the use of gravity and undergo vinification divided by variety. Fermentation and maceration take place in stainless steel tanks for about 25/30 days at controlled temperatures not exceeding 28/30° C. The wine is then transferred to 50% new 225-liter French oak barrique where the malolactic fermentation is completed. After 14 months of aging in barrique, the wine is assembled and prepared for bottling. It rests in the bottle for about a year.

TERROIR

Altitude: 180/200 M. ASL

Vineyard exposure: SUD-OVEST

Plant density: 7500 PLANTS/HA

Yield per hectare: 60 QA/HA

CLIMATE

After a very mild winter, we expected early budbreak, but in reality it occurred just a few days in advance. April and May were temperate, allowing the fruit to set a few weeks in advance. Precipitation was reduced to intense, sporadic events. Veraison and early maturation for all varieties was homogeneous with lower than average quality in the bunches that led to a thinning by hand. Summer was quite cool, with a short period of heat stress at the end of July/ Short rains at the beginning and end of August balanced the water situation and allowed for perfect ripening with a great ratio of acidity and sugar. Harvest lasted from the beginning of September with Merlot to October 5 with Cabernet Sauvignon, about a week ahead of schedule.