2019 ARGENTIERA BOLGHERI SUPERIORE D.O.C.

Merlot 50% / Cabernet Sauvignon 44% / Cabernet Franc 6%

The year began with a generally mild winter and not excessively rainy days; however, the month of January recorded a sharp drop in temperatures. March was undoubtedly dry, presenting little rain, and was rather hot: this anticipated the restart of vegetative growth which, however, has not been hastened thanks to a mild and quite rainy month of April. In general, the spring rains and the somewhat anomalously cool temperatures in May strongly delayed flowering and fruit set: this brought the plants to a perfect vegetative balance that has been needed to face the summer. The season was dry, but it has seen some rain that created enough water reserve and accompanied the veraison, avoiding the risks of water stress on the plants. The hot and dry weather in September guaranteed a slow and long maturation; the plants with exceptional productive balance have managed to perfectly ripen their bunches, which revealed excellent quality on average. Harvest began on September 6 with the Merlot grapes from the "Villa Donoratico" area, and it ended with the Cabernet Sauvignon harvested between the end of September and October 9. The wines reveal sweetness and great structure; all the varieties showed a rather marked acidity that makes this a well-balanced wine that immediately reveals its excellence.

