



TENUTA LICINIA

SASSO DI FATA IGT TOSCANA ROSSO 2019

Background

The vintage of 2019 Sasso di Fata represents the first vintage in a new movement in Tuscan Cabernet. It is a wine produced in the clos style- with the grapes coming from a small vineyard with a specific subsoil and therefore the wine is only produced in extremely small quantities. The wine produced at Sasso di Fata is generally said to resemble more the floral and texturally soft wines of Margaux than the more full-bodied wines of Pauillac, the region that is traditionally associated to Tuscan Cabernet.

Distribution

The distribution of the wine is limited due to production size. A proportion of the wine is sold on allocation.

Subsoils

Sasso di Fata vineyard. 3.5 Ha plot over a flaky gold colored schist - the subsoil is galestro in a way but a particular iteration of that subsoil that has taken a golden color from the calcium in the soil. The topsoil is a thin 20cm clayish loam layer filled with rock fragments and flakes.

Viticulture

Viticulture is practicing biodynamic and certified organic. Focus is on providing a healthy vine that gives its energy to the formation of complex grapes. The vines are a mixture of spur pruned cordon and guyot. The yield per vine is extremely low - and production ranges from 20-35HL per hectare.

Varieties

The 2019 Sasso di Fata is composed of Cabernet Sauvignon (70%) Cabernet Franc (25%) and Petit Verdot (5%).

2019 Growing Season

The 2019 was marked by a relatively cold may and then again in august. But the final stages of the ripening season were characterized by an intense warmth and large diurnal range. Harvest occurred in the middle of October.

Vinification

16 months in second passage French oak Tonneau (500L).

Alcohol

14,5%

Tasting Note

The nose is expressive and racy with notes of fresh fruit, flowers (rose bud) and freshly ground rose berries. On the palate it is dynamic and elegant, maintaining the floral dimensions of the nose on the palate but also opening with a fresh cassis. The balance with the wood is satisfying and there is a saline and graphite schistose note on the finish. It is a deep and pleasant wine that captures a real notion of the place of production.