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CASTIGLION DEL BOSCO

2014 Harvest Report

At Castiglion del Bosco, 2014 was certainly one of the most unusual vintages in terms of climate. Winter was wet but relatively mild which resulted in vegetative growth occurring earlier. A combination of a cool spring and early summer slowed this down. The vines grew healthy vegetation due to good ground water supplies, which favoured regular flowering and fruit set.

Summer was cool and quite wet. In order to expose the bunches to the limited sun, the vines were pruned often to reduce the foliage. Maturation was slow but the bunches were uniform, which allowed the development of aromatic compounds in the grapes.

The health of the grapes was preserved following careful canopy management, which meant the team were able to leave the grapes to ripen until harvest in October.

Characteristics of the grapes harvested:

- Healthy grapes, more compact bunches, with higher density.
- Good colour and phenolic maturation with delicate, yet mature tannins.
- pH slightly lower than usual with a good level of acidity.
- Musts were not overly structured but with optimum aromatic finesse.

We should expect perfumed wines with good balance, suited for earlier consumption.

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