

## RIESLING PAS DOSÉ Vino Spumante di Qualità (VSQ) Metodo Classico sparkling wine

Grape variety: Riesling Production area: foothills of Casteggio Soil: lime/clay Orientation of the vineyards: NE-NW Altitude of the vineyards: 140-200 m AMSL Training system: simple Guyot Average age of the vines: 26 years Vine density: 4,800 vines per hectare Yield: 1-1.2 kg per vine

**Harvest:** the grapes are hand-harvested in 17 kg boxes, carefully selecting the best ones. We pick the grapes early in the morning in order to press them at a natural cool temperature.

**Vinification:** the grapes are gently pressed. The free-run must is then naturally clarified. Alcoholic fermentation at 13-15 °C. Natural clarification and stabilisation at a controlled low temperature during the winter.

Ageing: *tirage* is done in the spring following the harvest. Secondary fermentation in the bottle at 16 °C. 36-month ageing on the lees.

**Sight:** straw yellow colour with golden highlights. Visible and persistent *perlage*.

**Nose:** fragrant and vibrant, with notes of white flowers and citrus, and mineral hints.

**Palate:** pleasant and well-balanced, with a bright acidity and mineral overtones in the long finish.

## **Vintage: 2018**

Date of harvest: August 26th 2018 Date of *tirage*: June 15th 2019 Date of disgorging: April 2022 2018 production: 811 bottles (0,75 l).

Notes about the 2018 vintage: the 2018 vintage was a cooler vintage than the 2017, with a medium-cold winter and regular spring and summer. The overall good weather conditions and the remarkable temperature variations between day and night caused an early veraison. The ripening of the grapes, while constant, has been slow, allowing a better phenolic ripeness. The harvest was abundant and showed a perfect ripeness of the grapes; it took place a few days later than the 2017 harvest.

## Analytical data:

- alcohol: 12.55% vol
- acidity: 7.3 g/l
- residual sugar: 2.5 g/l
- sulphites: 85 mg/l
- pressure: 4 bar

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