





Production area: foothills of Casteggio, in a single vineyard

adjacent to the estate. **Soil:** lime/clay. Basic pH.

Orientation of the vineyards: NW-NE Altitude of the vineyards: 160 m AMSL

Training system: simple Guyot Average age of the vines: 22 years Vine density: 5,000 vines per hectare Yield: less than 1 kg per vine

Harvest: the grapes come from the central part of the historical *Vigna del Pino*. After a light trimming of the clusters in mid-July, we did an additional trimming just before the harvest. The grapes were hand-harvested in 15 kg boxes, carefully selecting the best ones.

Vinification: destemming and gentle crushing of the grapes. Natural fermentation with indigenous yeasts in an upright untoasted French oak vat. 15-day maceration. During maceration, the wine is punched down and pumped over several times, depending on the kinetics of the fermentation. A natural malolactic fermentation in small oak barrels took place in the spring following the harvest.

Ageing: 4 months in 25 hl barrels, then 8 months in French oak barriques; 6 months in stainless-steel vats before bottling and a minimum of additional 12 months in bottle before release.

Sight: ruby red colour with garnet highlights.

Nose: intense, with notes of spices, ripe fruits of the forest, peculiar balsamic overtones (pine and sage) and a closing note of Seville orange.

Palate: fresh, fruity, fragrant and well-balanced, perfectly true to the grape variety. Very elegant and balsamic, with an acidity which makes it very promising for ageing.

Ageing potential: over 20 years.

Vintage: 2019

Date of harvest: August 27th 2019 Date of bottling: July 8th 2021

2019 production: 3,100 bottles (0,75 l). Also available in magnum format (50 bottles) and Jérabaam format (11 bottles)

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Notes about the 2019 vintage: regular vintage, with mediumhigh rainfall in May, quite hot summer and a few drought moments. Weather was fresh at harvest, especially near the end of it. All wines were graced with good aromatic qualities and good acidity levels.

Analytical data:

- alcohol: 12.91% vol
- acidity: 5.1 g/l
- residual sugar: < 0.5 g/l
- sulphites: 86 mg/l
- dry extract: 27 g/1

First vintage: 1989