

Querciabella



Mongrana 2019

<i>Appellation</i>	Maremma Toscana DOC
<i>First vintage</i>	2005
<i>Grapes</i>	Sangiovese (50%); Cabernet Sauvignon (25%); Merlot (25%).
<i>Vineyards</i>	Alberese, Grosseto (Maremma). The vineyards at 20–50 m a.s.l. were planted in 2000 with a north-south orientation. The biodynamic approach has proven particularly suited to the acidic, iron-rich soils of Maremma, a mixture of silt and alluvial sand, sparse with areas of gravel and surface pebbles.
<i>Viticulture</i>	Certified Organic, biodynamic since inception.
<i>Average Yield</i>	40 hl/ha.
<i>Production</i>	Approximately 130,000 bottles.
<i>Vintage profile</i>	The vintage 2019 started with another mild winter followed by a wet spring that posed some challenges in the vineyards; however, flowering and fruit set went well anticipating a phenomenal harvest both in quality and quantity. The first week of May saw the temperatures soar and this heat continued through the Summer. It may have been torrid at times, but there were no problems with drought stress thanks to the abundant water reserves after the Spring rains. September brought the desired day/night temperature differences, and excellent phenolic ripeness was achieved with beautiful skin to pulp ratios. Balmy conditions persisted well into the harvest that ended in October with the last pickings of Sangiovese in Chianti Classico.
<i>Harvest dates</i>	August 28 - October 3.
<i>Maturation</i>	Small cement and stainless steel vats.
<i>Analytical data</i>	Alcohol content: 14%; pH: 3.56; Acidity: 5.22 g/l.
<i>100% Vegan</i>	No animal products or byproducts are used during any phase of grape growing and wine making.
<i>Maturity</i>	Drink young, though it has the brilliance to surprise you even 10 years after harvest.
<i>Ideal serving temperature</i>	14–18 °C (57–64 °F).
<i>Recommended glasses</i>	Riedel Extreme Riesling 4441/15; Riedel Extreme Cabernet 4441/0. Zalto Universal 11300; Zalto Bordeaux 11200.
<i>Bottling and packaging</i>	0.750 liter, in 12 bottle case; Magnum (1.5 liters), single bottle case.
<i>Label</i>	Photo by Walter Prina.