Ca'del Bosco



Selva della Tesa 2021

Designation
Sebino Chardonnay I.G.T.

Grape varieties
Chardonnay 100%.

Vineyards of provenance
6 Chardonnay vineyards planted an average of 37 years ago located in the municipalities of Erbusco, Corte Franca and Provaglio d'Iseo.

Harvest
2021. The winter was characterized by a mild winter with scanty rainfall; as could be expected, budbreak began earlier than usual, towards late March. This early start of the growth cycle exposed us to a late winter comeback with frosts hitting Franciacorta on April 6th and 7th and causing damage involving some of our vineyards. Following this event, the resumption of vine growth proceeded incredibly slowly because of the cold weather and frequent rains. Given the climate conditions, flowering started one week later than the average of recent years (the final ten days of May). The beginning of summer did not bring significant heat waves. The fruit load was absolutely perfect and the bunches were exceptionally healthy, until, on July 25th, with veraison well on its way, a violent hailstorm radically changed the course of the 2021 vintage. The remaining crop was protected by the weather of the first ten days of August, when an African heatwave, such as had not happened yet in the course of the year, favored the healing of the hail injuries and kept the clusters dry and healthy. Grape picking began on Tuesday, August 17th. Despite the adversities, after repeatedly visiting the vineyards, we found that the grapes had reached an excellent balance of the analytical parameters, and could accordingly make the best decision on their allocation. Regardless of the truly difficult harvest year, characterized by weather extremes, the quality of the wines is remarkable. We can certainly regard it as an excellent vintage to be recorded in the annals of wine. The harvesting operations took place during the third decade of August 2021 with an average yield per hectare of 6,200 kilos of grapes, equal to 3,534 liters of wine (grape-to-wine: 57%).
This is a perfect vintage for white wines characterized by extreme elegance and finesse in the flavour profile (more floral and citrus than yellow and exotic fruit). These wines will develop their originality over time.

Vinification
Selva della Tesa embodies the territory's vocation for coaxing out the nuances of the variety, and the winemaker's skill in transforming them into a great wine. It is obtained from meticulously selected grapes skilfully vinified in full compliance with the Metodo Ca' del Bosco. Grapes from seven superior vineyards are picked, using small cases, and then graded and chilled. Each bunch is selected by experienced cellar staff before visiting our "berry spa", an exclusive air-bubble bunch-washing system that incorporates three soaking vats and a drying tunnel. After pressing in the absence of oxygen, only the best must from the first fraction is transferred for alcoholic fermentation in small oak casks, made from selected wood seasoned for three years. The wine remains on its own lees for 9 more months, during which time malolactic fermentation is completed. "bâtonnage", or lees stirring, is carried out every week to bring the wine to a peak of harmony on the nose and complexity on the palate. Later, the various parcels are blended and the wine is bottled naturally by gravity flow. Innovative bottling systems ensure that the wine is not subjected to oxidative stress or disturbance, and that no further sulphites are added. Integrity and healthfulness are guaranteed. Finally, every bottle is given an individual marking to ensure its traceability.

Bottling
23rd June 2022.

Bottle ageing
3 years and 4 months.

Data at bottling
Alcohol 13,50% Vol.; pH 3.11; Total Acidity 5.91 grams/litre;
Volatile Acidity 0.31 grams/litre.

Sulphites
Total Sulphur Dioxide less than 52 milligrams/litre
(maximum legal limit: 200 milligrams/litre).