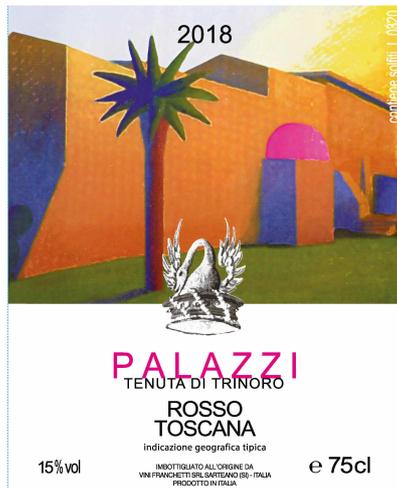




TENUTA DI TRINORO

Tenuta di Trinoro, Palazzi 2018



Blend: 100% Merlot

Harvest: 16-18 September

Vineyard age: 26 years

Vineyard density: 10,000 vines/Ha

Vineyard altitude: 450-650 m asl

Yield per hectare: 25 Hl/Ha

Fertilization: Sheep manure

Spraying: Clay, propolis, grapefruit seed extract

Vinification: Fermentation in stainless steel vats for 13 days

Aging: 8 months in new French oak barrels; 11 months in cement tanks

Bottling: Waning moon of March 2020

Production: 1,660 bottles

Palazzi showcases merlot at its best, with plush, supple fruit balanced by intense minerality. A blend of grapes from across the estate, Palazzi comes from a selection of older vines of merlot, comprising about five to seven hectares. Several months in new barrel add layers of richness and complexity, making the wine approachable and pleasing from release, with elegant structure that can stand the test of time. It is one of the great examples of Italian merlot, and only a small quantity is produced each year.

2018 VINTAGE

After the sweltering summer of 2017, we welcomed the cooler, more even temperatures of 2018 in the valley. As we neared the end of August, we were looking at larger than usual clusters, not too sweet for the period, and unusually soft in their early fruit. Because of these cooler temperatures, the vineyards were able to ripen the fruit and tannins earlier; all of that is usually kept back because of heat in August. The skins, thin as they were, were incredibly forward in color – they stained the fingers! Usually, that happens in mid-October.

In the last days of summer, we were dizzy with the silver of the new moon. From the 21st, there was a sudden density in the merlot: the astronomy signaling. The grapes were showing dark and soft, and we began bringing in twenty tons of merlot a day. The juice was low in alcohol, high in acidity, rich in taste – complex merlots, reminding one of Saint-Emilion. We started earlier than ever, with two large final ripe pickings finishing on the 23rd.