

NIGHTS OF FROST ON 7TH AND 8TH APRIL 2021 AT TENUTA DI TRINORO IN VAL D'ORCIA, TUSCANY



During the nights of the 7th and 8th of April, the vineyards at **Tenuta di Trinoro** offered a moving sight: vine rows lit up in the thick of night with thousands of candles lined up and burning.

The whole winery team of 36 workers fought a wave of frost that had come down the mountain to threaten fragile buds just beginning to sprout; the team had already prepared and set 3.000 large candles made with buckets filled with wax, placed along the rows during the day, as is customary in many of the colder vineyards of northern Europe. At Tenuta di Trinoro operations started at around midnight, with careful monitoring of the falling temperatures, until fire had to be set to stacks of firewood piled around the vineyards; then the 3.000 candles were lit. This kept the air around the plants above 0° degrees, while all around the vineyards, temperatures as low as 4.5° below freezing point were registered.

In the morning, at 9.45, the team left, after 8 hours of frantic work against this spell of cold air. More nights like this are expected this year.