

AVIGNONESI

50&50 TOSCANA I.G.T. 2016

50&50 is a wine sprung from the friendship which binds the owners of Avignonesi in Montepulciano and Capannelle in Chianti Classico.

The first vintage of 50&50 was 1988 and it was born as an experiment, almost by chance: during a jovial dinner the former owners of the two wineries started to compare, mix and match their wines, and came up with the even blend of 50% Sangiovese and 50% Merlot, that we know today.

They had given birth to something truly unique.

2016 VINTAGE

The balanced weather conditions of this vintage, characterised by the right amount of all the elements, enabled us to make powerful, yet elegant wines. A mild and relatively dry winter was overthrown by a cold and wet spring. Summer was warm and sunny which compensated for the wet and cold spring. A cold September with Nordic winds allowed for the grapes to reach perfect maturity.

TASTING NOTES

50&50 has a deep, dark ruby red color with purple hues. In the nose it shows a fragrance of small red fruits, black currant, black cherry and cassis which then leave room for harmonious nuances of sweet spices such as vanilla and sandalwood. In the mouth it is satisfying and sweetness and tannins are perfectly combined in a wide, elegant, decisive and round taste symphony. Ripe fruit and spices return and the aftertaste releases its balsamic mint and thyme. The finish is long and soft.

VINEYARD

GRAPES

The Merlot is sourced by Avignonesi in the cellars of the Lodola estate, located in Valiano, to the north-east of the historic town of Montepulciano.

The Sangiovese comes from Capannelle, located in Gaiole in Chianti, in the heart of Chianti Classico, between Florence and Siena.

VINIFICATION

HARVEST

Hand-picked from our best parcels.

VINIFICATION

Alcoholic fermentation at controlled temperature and maceration on the skins for 20-25 days.

AGEING

In French barriques.

ALCOHOL AND TOTAL PRODUCTION

13.5% - 21,219 bottles.

AWARDS

2016: 93 pts Vinous

2015: 94 pts James Suckling | 95 pts Falstaff

2014: Gold - Wine Hunter Awards

2013: 93 pts Wine Advocate | 93 pts Veronelli | 90 pts Wine Spectator

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