

AVIGNONESI

50&50 TOSCANA I.G.T. 2017

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.

2017 VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage is characterised by extreme climatic events, in particular by a spring frost and prolonged drought throughout the vegetative period which put a strain on our vines. The plants underwent vegetative blocks that made it difficult for the pulp, skins and pips to develop, which were more concentrated. Through short and delicate extractions we were able to privilege the elegance and drinkability that distinguish our wines.

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 blueberry which then leave room for harmonious nuances of undergrowth and sweet spices such as vanilla. 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 225 lt French oak barriques.

ALCOHOL AND TOTAL PRODUCTION

13.5% - 21,219 bottles.

AWARDS

2017: 93 pts James Suckling

2016: 94 pts Wine Enthusiast | 93 pts Vinous

2015: 95 pts Falstaff | 94 pts James Suckling

