

MARRONE



HARVEST 2019

2019 is characterized by a prolonged winter: going into February. This in turn saw bud breaking, vine flowering-blossoming come through later than usual and in turn 'impact' on the maturing phase. But the 'impact' was all contained and not harmful at all. Rain and 'lower' than expected temperatures were recorded in March, but plant growth was not affected and we did not see any 'suffering' at all. Spring recorded abundant rain and it helped keep water stock in the soil. This in turn ensured no stress for the vines.

Because of the above, we decided that this necessitated speedier and more prompt reaction times in vineyard works. Most work was carried out manually instead of using machines in order to achieve perfect timing; furthermore, due to wet soil, it wasn't possible to use tractors. We can say we avoided any excessive treatment. June and July both saw heatwaves and the latter month experienced some intense storms, but no damage was reported. September had hail too in Langa. There were reported damages in some areas, but we did not fortunately suffer nor can report any damage.

On balance we would say that 2019 is a traditional/typical vintage for Barolo and our wines in general. We harvested our nebbiolo grapes with fog and in mid October: straight from the past. Quantities were less compared to 2018, but beautiful grapes and good phenolic levels. We would say the same for white grapes too. Good acidity and compared to 2018 less impact from alcohol. We would interpret this as: wines which will have lots of freshness, full aromas, elegance and longevity. This is in line both for nebbiolo and barbera. Anecdotal evidence on the perfect timing for nebbiolo is that we can report our harvest with the nebbiolo grapes having a slight crunch with perfect maturity. Bunches were very very nice. Expect a slightly lower yield (quantities).

Arneis showed a perfect balance (we are very positive on this vintage, we really look forward to it) and we expect a superb body and freshness to filter. Beautiful color and with alcohol levels not over the top with intense floral aromas.

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