

LE DIFESE 2007

Appellation: Toscana Indicazione Geografica Tipica

First vintage: 2002

Grape blend: 70 % Cabernet Sauvignon 30 % Sangiovese

Soil composition: The vineyards are planted on plots of land with different and composite

morphological characteristics, as well as with a strong presence of limestone. These areas are also rich in rocks and rather rich in clay and are located at an altitude between 100 and 300 meters above sea level, facing West - South/West.

Vine training: Cordon spur system

Planting density: 6.250 vine stocks per ha

Climate: The 2007 season had a very mild winter with below average precipitation, which

resulted in an early budding of about 10 days on average. Spring was mild with some rain at the right time, which allowed for a good vegetative growth leading to an advanced flowering. The development of the grapes was accompanied by a rainy June. The summer began with a hot and dry month of July, while the unusual heavy rains in the second half of August allowed for a regular ripening of the

grapes.

Harvest: The ideal climate conditions in September, marked by good, dry weather and

significant temperature differences between day and night, led to both the perfect ripening of all varieties of grapes as well as the conducting of the harvest at the

best time.

Wine making: Maceration of the grapes in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks for

approximately 12 days, both for the Cabernet Sauvignon and for the Sangiovese.

Ageing: The wine is aged in American and Franch oak *barriques* for twelve months.

Assessments:

* 90/100 points Wine Spectator 2009

* 89/100 points Guida "I Vini di Veronelli" 2010

* 1/3 bicchieri Guida del Gambero Rosso "Vini d'Italia" 2010