



HARVEST REPORT 2023

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Marcello says...

Vintage 2023 is a stunning year for white wines! We didn't expect this to happen since the weather has been so challenging, but we are getting used to facing extreme situations! The spring season started well, however, July and August were really difficult months. We had to deal with high rainfall (probably, the wettest summer we have ever experienced!) and cold temperatures that led to very slow ripening of the grapes and a delay on the beginning of the harvest. Obviously, the high rainfall during the most delicate months allowed the development of diseases that affected some of the red varieties we grow in Contrà Soarda, which led to a reduced production volume. Luckily, at the beginning of September, instead of starting the harvest as usual we had few beautiful sunny and warm weeks, that, together with excellent and constant temperature fluctuations, allow the grapes to complete maturation and develop great aromatic charges, preventing the development of molds or botrytis. This time, waiting has been the best risk we could ever take!



On September 20th we started harvesting (31st of August in 2022) and we completed it on the 13th of October, just before the rainfall started again. A relatively fast harvest compared to other years. Nevertheless, we had enough time to carry out our different selections on the same vines bringing into the cellar healthy grapes of outstanding quality. The yields were good, which is what we hoped for after the very little harvest of the previous vintage. In 2023, we started harvesting Vespaiola grapes only in the second week of October, resulting in grapes with great aromatic charges that will surely make our entire Vespaiolo range exceptional. Although climate change is making our vintages challenging every year, we're very happy with the quality we brought into our cellar, and we can see already the great results achieved during and after the wine fermentations and can't wait to officially present you 2023 wines with the new year!



