



PETROLO

Bòggina B 2016

Toscana IGT

ESTATE

Petrolo is the definition of a cult winery, with an owner and a story that have helped create its legendary status. Though virtually unknown even in the wine world, the Valdarno di Sopra denomination dates back to the days of the Medici family during the Renaissance, and the area has always been renowned for the winemaking potential of the tiny area of Tuscany near Chianti in which it is located. In the last fifteen years, Petrolo has established itself as one of Tuscany's, and Italy's, great wineries and is renowned above all for producing wines with a distinct regional identity.

WINE

Bòggina B is a little bit of Burgundy with a Tuscan twist. The wine is made with 100% Trebbiano Toscano. The clone of the Valdarno has been known for its quality since the 1300s, when it was regularly sent to the popes in Rome and the courts of Florence. Petrolo has been using Trebbiano grapes for its vinsanto for decades, but owner Luca Sanjust decided that the time had come for a tribute to the great whites of Valdarno's past. The wine is made under the guidance of one of Burgundy's greats, Mounir Souma of Lucien Le Moine.

VINEYARD

Altitude: 820 ft - 1640 ft above sea level

Soil: Mostly loam soil, with variable rocky stratifications of schist, marl and sandstone

Farming: EU Organic Certification since 2016. Natural/sustainable farming since 2004. Dry farming, no tillage, total grassing with mulch management, no use of synthetic pesticides or fertilizers.

Grape Variety: 100% Trebbiano Toscano

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: Soft pressing and natural vinification with native yeasts in barrique.

Aging: "Sur lies" for over 2 years in French barriques and tonneaux specially selected by Lucien Le Moine.

VINTAGE

2016 was very similar to 2015, another extremely favorable year for winegrowing. In line with typical Tuscan weather, winter was cold enough with abundant rain showers, followed by a regular spring, while summer on average was warmer than usual but not extreme, allowing the soil to keep its moisture. These conditions sustained healthy and balanced growth and extremely good grape ripening. Harvest started with Merlot during the first week of September, followed by Sangiovese during the second week of September over a period of approximately 14 days. Harvest ended in early October with Cabernet Sauvignon from Petrolo's highest altitude vineyard, Campo Lusso.



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"Luca Sanjust was inspired to produce a white wine by Mounir Souma of Burgundy's Lucien Le Moine. This is the third vintage of Bòggina B (B for "bianco"), a rich, smoky trebbiano that ferments in barrels with ambient yeasts and ages for two years in French oak barriques and tonneaux. It's creamy and nutty, with notes of toasted hazelnuts and warm spices leading into flavors of crushed apple and lemon curd, with lively acidity. Cellar this for a year or two to let the flavors integrate."

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