



Poggio Rosso

SANGIOVESE AT SAN FELICE



The Agricola San Felice has always been bound closely to the Chianti Classico territory; since the 1960s, in fact, the estate has worked closely with Florence's Università degli Studi in research and experimentation focused on the sangiovese grape, with the aim of improving this noble grape variety of the Chianti. Research also centered on identifying the highest-quality vineyards within the estate holdings and on designing for them the most advantageous viticultural practices. Those very studies gave rise to an exceptional wine, the Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG "Poggio Rosso," named after its source vineyard. It is actually a group of contiguous vineyards covering some 13 hectares at an elevation of 390 meters. The medium-textured, fairly rocky soils are marked chiefly by calcareous-marl clays derived from the breakdown of alberese (local stratified limestone rock) and galestro (a clayey schistous rock) and lie atop the Monte Morello formation. The vines are trained to the Guyot and spur-trained cordon systems, and the sangiovese is complemented by a small percentage of colorino, another native Tuscan grape.

1971

Planting of the first 5.3 hectares, with massal selection of sangiovese and colorino carried out by winery manager Enzo Morganti prior to 1968.

Exposure: South

Vine density: 3,300 vines/hectare

Training system: Guyot and spur-trained cordon

Number of buds/vine: 8

Yield: 1 - 2 kg/vine

1974

Planting of additional 1.4 hectares

Exposure: Southwest

Vine density: 3,300 vines/hectare

Training system: Guyot and spur-trained cordon

Number of buds/vine: 8

Yield: 1 - 2 kg/vine

1978

Commercial release of first vintage

Number of bottles: 10,000

1978-1980

Two new plantings of 5 ha (1978) and 1.9 ha (1980).

Exposure: Southeast for the first, southwest for the second

Vine density: 3,300 vines/hectare

Training system: Guyot

Number of buds/vine: 8

Yield: 1 kg/vine

2003

Replanting of 5 hectares planted in 1971, with four sangiovese clones selected from the experimental vineyards.

Vine density: 8,500 vines/hectare

Training system: Spur-trained cordon

Number of buds/vine: 6

Yield: 1 kg/vine



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