



Nittardi

DOC Maremma Toscana Nectar Dei 2020 *certified organic*



The winery

The boutique winery Nittardi lies between Castellina and Panzano in the heart of the Chianti Classico region and has also beautiful vineyards in Maremma. Nittardi was first mentioned as „Nectar Dei“ in 1183. In the 16th century, the winery belonged to Michelangelo Buonarroti, who produced his own wine here. He is known to have sent some of his wine to the Pope in Rome as a „genuine gift“. Since the late 1990s Nittardi also has vineyards in Maremma.

The vineyard

Nectar Dei DOC Maremma Toscana grows in property of Nittardi in Maremma called Mongibello delle Mandorlaie between Scansano and Magliano in Toscana, only 8 km away from the sea at an altitude of 250m. The vineyards lie in the Morellino di Scansano DOCG area. The soil is mostly sand with granit and schist stones, with some volcanic soil below. Nectar Dei is crafted with a selection of the best grapes from the Mongibello vineyards. All vineyards are certified organic. The wine: Nectar Dei is the Super Premium Wine of Nittardi and was christened with the ancient name of Nittardi from 1183, and, following tradition, the first bottles of Nectar Dei are offered to Pope Francesco. The wine is a DOC Maremma Toscana, an upcoming appellation for wines from the Tuscan coast.

The vintage

The 2020 vintage can be described as a classic year with abundant spring rains and a warm but never extreme summer. However, more than for the climate, we will remember this vintage for the beginning of the pandemic. While the world stopped at Nittardi, we had the privilege of being able to continue to work outside in the vineyards with even more passion and dedication to details. We picked our healthy and ripe grapes in the second half of September, starting with Merlot, followed a few weeks later by Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. They were all brought with a temperature-controlled truck to the cellar in Castellina in Chianti.

The wine

Grape varieties:	Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Petit Verdot 20%, Merlot 15%, Secret grapes 5%
HL/vines per hectare:	30 / 6,600
Aging:	24 months in barrique barrels (30% new) made out of finest French oak, 4 months in a single concrete vat, 12 months in bottle
Date of bottling:	March 2023
Alcohol:	15 %
Total acidity:	5.91 g/l
ph:	3.42

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Profile

Deep red with hues of purple, aromas of ripe dark fruit, hints of exotic spices and black olives; concentrated and complex flavors on the palate with a powerful and persistent finish. Long and rich finish where the complexity of the wine shines through. Nectar Dei 2020 has an outstanding ageing potential.

Awards & Accolades

97 P - Luca Maroni
94 P - James Suckling
94 P - Antonio Galloni

