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QUINTESSENZ

PINOT BIANCO DOC 2024

VARIETAL: Pinot Bianco

AGE OF VINES: 15 – 30 years

TEMPERATURE: 10 – 12 °C

AGING POTENTIAL: > 10 years

YIELD: 45 hl/ha

TRELLISING SYSTEM: Wire-trained

ALCOHOL: 13.5 %

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.0 g/l

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Contains sulphites

VINTAGE

After a rainy spring and a sluggish start to summer, August brought the long-awaited turnaround: Sunny and warm days encouraged the ripening of the grapes and allowed early varieties to reach very good quality. Harvest began at the end of August under nearly perfect conditions, accompanied by stable weather lasting into September. With the onset of autumn rains, the harvest of late-ripening red wines became more challenging due to demanding weather conditions. Nevertheless, the vintage produced exciting white wines and early-ripening red wines of remarkable quality.

VINEYARD

The vineyards extend over an east-facing zone at 550 to 600 meters above sea level. They are situated on an alluvial cone composed of limestone debris, mainly angular dolomite rocks, with a fine soil of reddish clay. The soil is very deep, loose, well-aerated, and well-drained.

VINIFICATION

The whole grapes are pressed, followed by natural sedimentation to remove impurities. The wine then matures for 11 months in large wooden barrels with continuous bâtonnage. Finally, the wine matures for an additional four months in stainless steel tanks on the fine lees.

TASTING NOTES

- bright golden yellow with hints of green
- multifaceted bouquet with crisp fruit notes and herbal nuances: fresh yellow apple, honeydew melon, dried chamomile and fine graphite notes
- harmonious on the palate with a salty finish, creamy texture, and crisp acidity; powerful and elegant finish

RECOMMENDATION

This wine pairs well with tasty fish soup, herb risotto, fried fish, and grilled poultry. In can further develop in depth and complexity with additional bottle aging.

AWARDS

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JAMES SUCKLING – 2019: 93 p., 2020: 93 p., 2021: 93 p., 2023: 91 p.

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GAMBERO ROSSO – 2018: 2 Bicchieri Rossi, 2022: 2 Bicchieri Rossi

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FALSTAFF – 2020: 92 p., 2021: 92 p., 2022: 90 p., 2023: 92p.

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