



Nittardi

DOC Maremma Toscana Nectar Dei 2019



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“.

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 250 m. The vineyards lie in the Morellino di Scansano DCG area. The soil is mostly sand with granit and schist stones and clay underneath. Nectar Dei is crafted with a selection of the best grapes from the Mongibello vineyards. All vineyards are certified organic.

The vintage

2019 is looking set to be a classic “old school” vintage year. The first half of the year was cooler than average, with a particular rainy May, creating a slight delay in the vines vegetation cycle compared to previous years, at a pace similar to the great 1980s vintages (1985 and 1988 in particular). Summer and September were just perfect without too much heat or rain resulting in grapes with perfectly ripe phenolics something that very often nowadays is missing because of climate change. 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

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.

Profile

Deep red with hints of purple color. On the nose ripe notes of blueberries and blackberries combined with tobacco, dark chocolate and spices. Nicely concentrated with lush, rounded tannins and expressive notes as black cherries and licorice on the palate. Long and rich finish where the complexity of the wine shines through. Nectar Dei 2019 has an outstanding ageing potential.

Awards & Accolades

96 P Luca Maroni (3rd best Red Wine in Italy 2022)

The wine

Grape varieties:	Cabernet Sauvignon 70%, Merlot 15%, Petit Verdot 10%, Syrah 5%
HL/vines per hectare:	35 / 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:	February 2022
Alcohol:	14.05 %
Total acidity:	5.86 g/l
ph:	3.33

