



# SESTADISOPRA

Newsletter 2011

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*For sure the bravest of all are those who have a clear vision of what is ahead of them, both of the joys and the dangers, and yet they face them, (Thucydides 467 – 397 B.C.)*

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Dear Friends,

The beginning of our Montalcino “news” with the famous aphorism of the Athenian general Thucydides, in such difficult times throughout the world, is dedicated to our son Stefano and to all men and women who despite hardship and bad luck do not lose courage and faith and looking at their destiny, even in adversity, confront it.

As we have always said, vines are a metaphor for life and the difficulties we had to face this year because of the August temperatures kept us and our technicians very busy during the growth and the harvest so that we could pick, select and bring to the winery a product of a level worthy of the “Sangiovese” renowned throughout the world.

The harvest took place at the end of September and a few months after the vinification, the wine started its long process of aging and from first tastings promise well: we shall see as time goes on!

In a world of significant climatic changes the agronomic techniques have been renewed according to the latest scientific research, keeping in mind always the old traditions with respect to a sustainable agriculture so as to preserve the typical characteristics of this wine, an expression of an authentic culture of the native product of this “terroir”.

Our Brunello di Montalcino DOCG vintage 2006 (from 100 per cent Sangiovese grapes) was a success and our whole produce was sold mainly (around 80 percent) abroad. The vintage 2007 that we will be presenting this year has obtained the highest ratings in the various preliminary tastings. The wine is of a ruby red colour, mature, complex to the nose with lingering fruity notes, important, accompanied by elegant olfactive notes that recall the essence of Montalcino, a concentrated body, soft, complex and with great longevity.

As always we have taken particular care in the growing, the selection and the vinification of the 100 per cent Sangiovese grapes destined for Rosso di Montalcino DOC, a wine designed for wine lovers who want to find in their daily consumption enjoyment and freshness without renouncing the notes that are characteristic of what becomes “Brunello” in its aged and more complex form and that is reserved for great occasions.

During the year 2011 we received the visit of numerous wine lovers, coming from all around the world. Men and women professionally active in their countries of origin, drawn to Tuscany by their desire to see a land blessed by the Lord, rich in history, cradle of the Renaissance famous for its peasant farming culture and its civilization of wine.

To all of you and to ourselves our best, sincerest wishes for a happy serene year, aware of the difficulties that await us, but with the strength of brave men and women, in the hopes of joys that will not be lacking.

Arrivederci a presto!

*Un saluto affettuoso da Ettore ed. Enrica*

Montalcino, 16th January 2012