



SESTADISOPRA

News Letter 2012

*From the desire – the seed,
From the seed – the tree,
From the tree – the fruit,
From the fruit – knowledge,
From knowledge – wisdom
From wisdom - mystery,
From mystery – life.* (Bill Viola)

Dear Friends, another year has gone by and it is with pleasure and joy that our thoughts go to all wine lovers that honoured us with their visit (more than a thousand this year!!)

And now for some news of Montalcino.

The summer as you know was particularly torrid, more than the previous ones. The scarcity of rain made us worry about the outcome of the harvest but, luckily, at the beginning of September we were blessed by the longed for rain and the harvest, albeit reduced (by at least 30%), was satisfactory. The climate change forced us to modify our farming techniques in the vineyard. The results confirmed a proper balance in the noble contents of the grapes and therefore of the wine, which gave us good hopes.

The alcohol and the malo-lactic fermentations have both finished. As we hoped, the results are good although it is early days to make a serious assessment. We shall have to wait for the aging in wood. The transformations that the wine undergoes in time, still somewhat mysterious and fascinating, will be closely followed by us with the knowledge that we have wisely accumulated throughout the years.

As we have said before, vineyard, grapes and wine are metaphors of life and one has to know how to fight persistently, as we do every day, to obtain the desired result. We hope we succeeded in exercising our faculties in a job that can bring good results.

The memory of your visit is pleasant and vivid, the experience of your knowledge has enriched us and we hope that we transmitted a smattering of our own experience.

Remember, you carry in your mind and in your heart the culture and beauty of these places, the emotions of the tastings that you were able to have, as we remember all of you, in the hopes of being able to see you again in Montalcino, at Sesta di Sopra.

We, who have the good fortune to live in this beautiful land, blessed by God, are ready to-morrow, to live a new day that no-one has yet seen before us, and we hope to be able to tell about it in the future.

Our warm wishes for a happy year full of successes.

We embrace you all,

Best wishes Ettore, Anica

Montalcino, January 31, 2013