



SESTADISOPRA

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“.....in moments of confusion we habitually have recourse to an imaginary farmer – even though no one , in our families , ever worked the land , within the memory of man. We come from artisan and merchants , priest and bureaucrats , and yet we have inherited the wisdom of the fields , and made it ours . So we believe in the founding ritual of sowing , and we live trusting in the cyclical nature of everything , summed up by the round of the season , From the plow we have learned the ultimate meaning of violence , and from the farmer the trick of patience. Blindly , we believe in the equation between hard work and harvest . It is a sort of symbolic vocabulary – given to us in a mysterious way

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Dear old and new friends,

as we have been doing by now for the last ten years, at the end of the harvest, which we consider the most significant event of the season and of our work, we would like to remember your visit with this newsletter.

Quality fine wine production needs constant devoted activity in the vineyard since that is where the product is born while in the winery one must only take care not to spoil the natural grape characteristics that one has managed to preserve. This year particularly, we followed meticulously the vegetative and productive development of the vines, intervening at the right moment and giving the rows the agronomic treatments that help the plants to complete their annual cycle aided by the competence and passion accumulated in so many years of work.

In the quote at the beginning of this newsletter we wanted to call to your attention a passage in a book written by a well-known writer from this part of the world who has managed in a few words to describe the mysterious attraction to the earth that we all are gifted with.

At the time of writing this letter the wine is in the winery, it has already gone through its first alcoholic fermentation and is now in the process of the second one – the malolactic fermentation.

As we told you during your visit, this is our second life and we never imagined that with this new activity we would be given the opportunity of meeting so many people from all over the world that share with us the curiosity and the passion of knowing the wine places. Several people as they stop over for a tasting, are amazed to find out how, after our former experience of life and work, we have managed to reach these results.

We thank you again for your visit and for the possibility you have given us to share with you the emotions that this Tuscan land can give, its culture and also our story as ‘wine makers’, through the song of the wine that we tasted together. In those moments, however, we did not think about the silence of the vineyard, that inspires meditation and reflections about life...

And lastly here we are together with a glass of wine, that contains the philosophy, the patience, the tenacity, the choice of the farmer, but above all the hope, “because if we stop hoping, then our fears will be fulfilled”

We are happy to leave you with our good wishes and with these two lines written by a dear friend.

“Song of the wine and silence of the vineyard tell us that a more habitable land is possible, as long as we let ourselves be fascinated by the wisdom of our forefathers’ past”.

With warm wishes and an invitation to come back

Ettore and Enrica

Best wishes Ettore, Enrica

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