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The Petrolo Torrione Valdarno di Sopra is a captivating blend that embodies the essence of Petrolo's winemaking philosophy. Known for its balance of power and finesse, this wine is a testament to the rich heritage and innovative spirit of the Valdarno di Sopra region.

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Torrione Valdarno di Sopra 2020

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The **Valdarno di Sopra** region, located near the Chianti area in Tuscany, boasts a rich winemaking heritage that dates back to the Renaissance era and the Medici family. This region is celebrated for its unique microclimate and diverse soil composition, making it ideal for producing high-quality wines. The vineyards benefit from **loam soil with rocky stratifications of schist, marl, and sandstone**, which contribute to the distinct minerality and complexity of the wines.

Petrolo's vineyards, particularly for Torrione, are meticulously maintained with **EU Organic Certification since 2016** and have practiced natural and sustainable farming since 2004. The commitment to **dry farming, no tillage, total grassing with mulch management**, and avoiding synthetic pesticides or fertilizers ensures the health and vitality of the vines, resulting in grapes of exceptional quality.

Winemaking

The **Petrolo Torrione** is crafted from a blend of **80% Sangiovese, 15% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon**. The vinification process begins with a manual harvest, followed by grape selection and sorting. The natural vinification with native yeasts occurs in concrete vats, with soft and frequent manual pumping over. The wine undergoes **skin maceration for 18 days**, extracting deep color and complex flavors.

Aging involves **15 months of maturation**, partly in 40hl French barriques and partly in concrete vats, with spontaneous malolactic fermentation occurring in oak barrels. This meticulous process enhances the wine's texture and depth, resulting in a wine that is both structured and ethereal.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby red.
- **Aroma**: Inviting aromas of dark and blue fruits, with subtle notes of chocolate and spices, and hints of blue flowers and crushed stones.
- **Palate**: Medium- to full-bodied, complex and structured, yet ethereal and weightless. The flavors reflect a harmonious balance of fruit and earthiness, with fine tannins and a long, elegant finish.

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Did you know?

Torrione marks the beginning of Petrolo's quality revolution and is considered the true identity of the estate. The inclusion of Bordeaux varieties such as Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, along with Sangiovese, lends these French varieties a distinctly Tuscan character, instilling a sense of place that is uniquely Petrolo.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised Rabbit with Polenta**: The tender rabbit meat, cooked in a savory broth, pairs beautifully with the wine's complex structure and earthy notes. The creamy polenta complements the wine's smooth texture.
- **Porcini Mushroom Risotto**: The rich, umami flavors of porcini mushrooms enhance the wine's depth and minerality, while the creamy risotto matches its elegant mouthfeel.
- **Grilled Lamb with Rosemary and Garlic**: The herbal and savory flavors of grilled lamb bring out the wine's nuanced aromas of spices and crushed stones, making for a harmonious pairing.
- **Panzanella Salad with Heirloom Tomatoes**: This Tuscan bread salad, with its bright, fresh flavors, complements the wine's fruity notes and provides a refreshing contrast to its structured body.

93 Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2020)

Luca Sanjust's Petrolo 2020 Torrione comes from a cool vineyard site surrounded by thick green forests. Made primarily with Sangiovese (and smaller parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot), the wine delivers beautiful fruit freshness with forest berry, cherry, blue flower and grilled herb. Production was down to about 35,000 bottles in this vintage (from about 60,000) because some of the Sangiovese was used in the Bòggina C single-vineyard wine instead. This is a highly accessible and enjoyable organic wine with a linear approach and a pretty dusty note on the tannins. This wine was first produced in 1988.

95 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2019)

Very perfumed with sweet-berry and fresh-flower aromas that already show brightness and beauty. Perfumed. Full-bodied with very well-integrated tannins and pure, vivid fruit at the finish. This is all in finesse and depth. Drinkable now, but better in a couple of years.

93 Decanter

Decanter (DCT) : 93 Points (2019)

Sweet oak spices with strawberry fruits and some juicy cherries with spicy undertones and hints of leather and cigar box.