

Maximo Marche Bianco Igt

Maximo is a wine which is certainly unique on the regional oenological horizon, being the product of climatic conditions which themselves can be called unique.

It is made in the highest part of the **Villa Bianchi** estate. Here, thanks to the very special climatic conditions caused by the alternation of high humidity and drier airflows, at fairly low temperatures, the Sauvignon Blanc grapes are attacked by *Botrytis Cinerea* in its most 'noble' form. This gives the wine incredibly complex and rare flavours and aromas.

Variety 100% Sauvignon Blanc

First year of production 1992

Municipality/area of production Maiolati Spontini



Vineyard

The vineyard occupies about two hectares. It is trained on the Guyot system and has a planting density of 4270 vines per hectare. It faces north, on the crest of a hill, at 180 metres above sea level, and lies on not very deep alluvial soil (holocene formations), with a considerable proportion of gravel, which promotes good drainage of the excess water. The yield per hectare is extremely low and rarely reaches 2 tons.

Harvest

The harvest is carried out by hand, with the grapes collected and transported in boxes. It is performed in at least three passes. Selection of the grapes is a very delicate matter. The object is to pick only those bunches, or portions of bunches, which have reached the right degree of concentration (30-35° on the Babo sugar meter) as a result of the attack by some varieties of noble rot. Often, the last pass does not take place till the middle of December.

Vinification

The grapes are pressed whole by means of a small, gentle press. After static decantation, the resulting must is fermented on its own yeasts at a temperature of 15°C for a month. Maximo then ages for about a year in small stainless steel containers before being bottled.

Winemaker's notes A magnificent golden colour streaked with amber tints. On the nose it expresses distinct scents of honey, apricot and peach, followed by aromas of ripe fig, candied fruit and citrus. Rich in the mouth, where the elegant acidity fluidifies the sweetness, soft and balanced with clean, refreshing persistence, and notes of candied fruit and honey continually running through it.

Pairings A wine for meditation, perfect with patisserie, especially of the dry variety, and tangy cheeses.

Ideal serving temperature 10-12°C

Glasses for serving Small-sized goblet, with wide body and narrow opening, so as to favour the development of aromas and their concentration in the nose.

Available formats 37.5 cl bottle