vinetur

Petra 2020: A Majestic Expression of Tuscan Terroir and Tradition

Suvereto's Revered Wine Label Sets The Stage For An Impressive International Release

Thursday, September 21, 2023



In the scenic heart of Italy's Tuscan coast, the Suvereto winery stands as a testament to wine's enduring bond with the land it springs from. Nestled within one of the country's most breathtaking medieval towns, Suvereto is replete with forests of oak and cork oak, bordered by the picturesque Metalliferous Hills, Montioni Park, and the Island of Elba, which paints a tranquil image to its south.

Amidst this evocative backdrop is where Petra, the Suvereto winery's signature wine, finds its roots. A sprawling natural haven of 350 hectares in Val di Cornia, Petra is a divergence from the quintessential Tuscan scenery, oscillating between dense woods and verdant plains.

Petra: A Wine with a Story to Tell

Born from the vision and passion of the Moretti family in 1997, Petra encapsulates the essence of its surroundings. "For over a quarter-century, our approach to winemaking has been predicated upon the idea of capturing the territorial identity within each bottle," states Francesca Moretti, the winemaker and vice president of the Terra Moretti Holding. It is this dedication that has yielded Petra, a wine that doesn't merely bear the company's name but encapsulates its ethos and tradition, vintage after vintage.

A combination of elements - from the limestone's presence, an abundance of minerals like iron, sodium, magnesium, to the profound clay layers known as the blue clay of the Apennines - plays a pivotal role in shaping the Bordeaux varieties that constitute Petra. Every grape used, whether Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, or Cabernet Franc, is selected with utmost precision from the choicest vineyards adjacent to the winery, ensuring that each grape is harvested at its peak maturity.



An Ode to the Vintage: Petra 2020

2020 brought with it a series of meteorological challenges and surprises. A mild, rainy winter transitioned into an unexpectedly cool March end. However, the gentle spring rains fostered optimal vegetative growth and acidity development in the grapes. The summer's considerable temperature fluctuations accentuated the grapes' fruity and aromatic profiles. The timely rains in September, followed by a notable dip in temperatures, paved the way for optimal maturity, especially for Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Comprising 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, and 10% Cabernet Franc, Petra 2020 tantalizes the senses with its enchanting sweetness harmoniously juxtaposed against a robust structure. The wine's prolonged maturation in French oak barriques, coupled with the distinctive terroir, has culminated in a vintage that's redolent with rich fruity notes, balsamic undertones, and toasted aromas. With its harmonious blend of dark fruit and spices, the wine promises to age gracefully, becoming more nuanced and exquisite with each year.

Petra: A Wine Region Rich in History and Culture

Venturing into Petra is akin to stepping into a world steeped in wine history, tracing its lineage back to the ancient Etruscans and Greeks. Bordeaux varieties have flourished in this ecosystem for over two centuries, bearing testament to the region's agricultural prowess and deep-rooted wine culture.