Harvest 2026 – Fattoria Selvapiana – Chianti Rufina - Tuscany

A warm vintage with a fresh result.

Fall and winter have been very humid and rather mild with only 8 to 10 days below 0°C. Then from spring, temperatures changed and remained always above the regular ones, this phenomenon continue d over the summer with 2.5 to 3°C average higher than usual.

Budbreak was 15 days earlier, raising fears of possible late frost in April. Thankfully everything went well and vines developed at the same rhythm throughout the growing season. Heavy rainfalls in spring, followed by some in July and August, compensated the hot temperatures and avoided drought.

Lots of grapes bloomed and the first flowers happened from May 18th.

In most sectors, the season went fairly well; only the upper part of the hillside on the Erchi plot—where the vines are planted in shallow soil—and
the first rows of Bucerchiale suffered from waterstress;

All phenological stages occurred early; for example, véraison took place in mid-July instead of early August, as is usually the case.
Consequently, the harvest began very early, with the first grapes harvested on September 1;
This year, the harvest was not driven by geographic sector but by micro-zone within the individual plots, both for Bucerchiale and for Erchi.

The harvested grapes were very healthy, rich, and ripe. The winemaking process was meticulous, and Niccolo Giuntini added his personal touch with gentle extractions that bring out very clean, intense fruity aromas and smooth textures on the palate.
2026 will be a delicious vintage!