



HARVEST 2021

Federico's words to describe the harvest: "The 2021 harvest will be remembered as one of the smallest in recent decades."

The winter was harsh with several sub-zero nights, but March quickly followed with above normal temperatures resulting - unfortunately - in a very early start to growth, especially in the vineyards that had been pruned first. The frost of the night of April 7-8 damaged these and some other unpruned vines.

This resulted in a loss of production of about 30%.

The summer was too hot and, given the low yields per hectare, the grapes ripened quickly, resulting in an early harvest. But it was also a trying time for us at the Selvapiana estate since a fire broke out in the Erchi plot on August 18, destroying 2 hectares of vineyards out of the 6 that we have, and 6 hectares of olive groves. We were relieved to see on September 3rd that some vines were still alive.

The harvest began in early September with the Pomino Bianco vines, and continued with the Pinot Noir of Pomino and the other early varieties, Syrah and Merlot, which here in Selvapiana represent only 5%.

Our Sangioveses are ripe and rich this year, with an alcohol content not too high. The first wines drawn off have an unusual freshness in respect of the climate over the past summer, beautiful colors and good structures. We will not produce Bucerchiale 2021 and the whole harvest will go into the Vendemmia vintage; instead, we will produce Erchi 2021.

Federico Giuntini

