



MONTEVERRO

Toscana

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IN THE VINEYARD

A good wine comes not from the winery, but rather from the vineyard — we are convinced of that. Because to the greatest extent possible, we want to let nature run its course. We place great value upon biodiversity and made a conscious decision against monoculture. Out of the sixty hectares (150 acres) that Monteverro comprises, only thirty-five of them are planted with grapevines (of which only around twenty-seven are in production). The remainder is covered with olive trees and Mediterranean scrub, and thus a multitude of bushes, shrubs, grasses, flowers, and herbs.

We view each one of our vineyards as a tiny microcosm which is subjected to widely varied influences. Because it is first and foremost the red clay which characterizes our soil, a terrain with a high mineral content that is interspersed with rocks, thus providing natural water drainage. In order to support the healthy development of the plants, we have also installed an intense drainage system in the ground which can drain away excess water. In this way, we make it possible for the vines to send their roots as deep as possible and completely exploit the mineral quality of the soil. One factor that favors our terroir is the location close to the sea, which not only lends the wines a certain lively savouriness, but also provides cooling in the hot summer through the breeze that comes off the water.

Today, Monteverro extends over around sixty hectares (150 acres) that gently climb from one hundred to two hundred feet above sea level. Growing in the individual vineyards, which are oriented north-south, are primarily the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc varieties, which constitute around sixty percent at Monteverro. These are followed in order by Merlot, Syrah, Grenache, and Petit Verdot — all of these varieties are also planted in a north-south direction so that the sun shines evenly on the leaves. With the Chardonnay grapes (a total of just over two hectares, or five acres), a loss in acidity needs to be prevented. That is why these plots are arranged east to west. The grapes are to a large extent covered by the leaves and thus protected against direct sunlight.

From the very beginning, the Webers have placed particular value upon working together with the most renowned soil experts, such as Lydia and Claude Bourguignon, in order to make the best possible use of their terroir. Their fundamental philosophy is based upon an integrated approach in the treatment of the soil from which the grapevines derive all of their energy and health. The soil is treated as a living organism, the balance of which is destroyed by the use of herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides. The particular care in dealing with the soil results in the fact that today, the wines from Monteverro can profit from deep soils that are rich in microorganisms.