

2018

ARGENTIERA

BOLGHERI SUPERIORE
D.O.C.

Cabernet Sauvignon 50% / Merlot 40% / Cabernet Franc 10%

The year began with a generally mild winter and abundant rainfall, though February brought temperatures as low as -6°C, an unusual occurrence for the Bolgheri area.

In spring, budbreak in April was slightly delayed, yet vine development showed no significant deviations. Heavy rainfall in May and June (178 mm) made phytosanitary management particularly challenging at such a delicate stage of berry growth; in this context, timely intervention and the constant influence of marine breezes proved essential in safeguarding the crop.

Summer unfolded dry as usual, though average temperatures were lower than in recent years, with a peak recorded in the first week of August. Veraison progressed somewhat more slowly than usual, particularly in varieties such as Cabernet Franc. The generous spring rains favoured a slow, extended ripening phase, while a sunny, dry September allowed each micro-plot to achieve optimal maturity.

Harvest began on September 5th with the first Merlot parcel, followed on the morning of September 18th by Vermentino. The cooler, breezy Merlot parcels of "Argentiera" and "Ginestre" were next, followed by Cabernet Franc and, finally, Cabernet Sauvignon, brought in between late September and October 5th.