
Nizza DOCG

Cipressi

VINTAGE: 2015

PRODUCER'S VINTAGE NOTES: "2015 was characterized by a long, dry summer. Fortunately, the mid-August rains arrived and helped to restore the water balance in the vines. By adequate thinning of the bunches, with the aim of obtaining a yield of less than 70 qL of grapes per hectare, the vines were able to channel all their energy to the few remaining clusters during the last month of ripening. Along with sunny days and fresh nights, this resulted in a splendid maturation. Harvest time took place during the customary period (September 18th-24th). A vintage of excellence." *Stefano Chiarlo, winemaker*

GRAPE VARIETY: Barbera

MUNICIPALITY: Castelnuovo Calcea

FIRST VINTAGE PRODUCED: 1996

VINEYARD: Tenuta La Court

SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD : 6 ha

YEAR PLANTED: various planting of different ages

SOIL: called the 'astiane sands', it consists of calcareous clay marl of sedimentary marine origin, with good presence of lime and sand, rich in microelements, in particular magnesium

VINEYARD EXPOSURE: southeast to southwest

VINEYARD ELEVATION: 230-280 AMSL

METHOD OF CULTIVATION: Guyot

VINES PER HECTARE: approximately 5,000

YIELD: very low yield; thinning of excess bunches at end of summer; leaving an average of 7/8 bunches per vine

HARVEST: manual harvest

VINIFICATION: in steel tanks. 10/12 days of maceration with the skins and a soft "shower" system of wetting the cap. Initial temperature of 30°C, then decreased to 27°C. Malolactic fermentation in steel

REFINEMENT: minimum of 18 months. Aged for 12 months in large oak casks before refinement in the bottle

COLOUR: intense ruby red

NOSE: surprising for its clarity and elegance, red fruit, mature cherry, raspberry and the sweet notes of tobacco

TASTE: complex, structured and impresses for its fresh softness and roundness; pleasing savoury finish

ACCOMPANIES: cured meats, filled pastas, red meat

ALCOHOL: 14.00% | **ACIDITY:** 6.05 g/l | **PH:** 3.55

SERVING TEMPERATURE: 16-18° C

BOTTLE SIZES: 0,750 L - 1,5 L

CLOSURE: cork



WINE ENTHUSIAST 2018

THE
ENTHUSIAST
100

#1 WINE OF THE YEAR 2018

"Elegantly structured, delicious and loaded with personality, this benchmark Nizza..."

Wine Enthusiast, November 2018