



RUIT HORA 2014

Bolgheri Ross D.O.C.

BLEND: 60% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 5% Syrah.

WEATHER: Wine producers will long remember the 2014 growing season. A mild, rainy winter followed by a dry, warm spring brought balanced vine growth, with uniform flowering and consistent cluster development. Summer opened with a normal pattern, but August turned rainy and cold, conditions that negatively impacted ripening and berry health. But meticulous vineyard operations, such as careful leaf-pulling to give the clusters better ventilation, ensured healthy fruit in September and October. The first two weeks of autumn were textbook perfect, sunny and dry. Quality-selection of the clusters was more crucial in 2014 than in other vintages; we picked in two separate passes and used sorting tables in the cellar, ensuring that only perfectly ripe, healthy grapes went to fermentation. That cool summer will definitely put 2014 in the record books as one of the longest harvests in the history of Bolgheri.

VINIFICATION: The harvest started in the first week of September with merlot, and concluded on 15 October with our latest-ripening variety, cabernet sauvignon. The clusters were hand-selected for quality into 12kg boxes, then quality-graded again in the cellar before de-stemming and pressing. The must was inoculated with yeast and fermented in stainless steel for about 10 ten days. The final blend was then assembled, and the wine matured 24 months in French oak barrels and an additional 6 months in the bottle before release.

AVAILABILITY: 78,300 litres of Ruit Hora 2014 were produced, and it was released in May 2017. It is available in 750ml and 1.5l (magnum) bottles.

SENSORY PROFILE: Ruit Hora eloquently reflects the qualities of the 2014 growing year, whose cool summer and temperate, dry autumn yielded wines that were not opulent, but refined and elegant. Ruit Hora 2014 appears a medium-deep ruby, with notes of crisp, fresh-picked fruit alternating with delicate impressions of spice. In the mouth, it is medium-bodied, very rounded and well-balanced, with fine-grained, velvety tannins. It finishes clean and dry.