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## VINTAGE REPORT 2011

2011 marks the beginning of a new cycle of Sun Spots, a cycle that regularly reappears every 11 years causing significant changes in planetary weather. Consequently the weather in Tuscany was different from previous years.

The spring started early in March with a slow evolution of temperatures but in April an unexpected heat wave caused an early germination of the grapes. Our reaction was to leave enough leaves to protect the bunches as we were expecting a hot summer. Instead the following May and June we had much rain alternated with sunny spells that calmed down the fast evolution in the vineyards.

We were fortunate to have just rain, because in the north of Tuscany and especially in Liguria the storms caused violent floods in villages and in the countryside.

In the month of July it rained considerably resulting in hot days and cold nights ideal to rebalance the maturation process.

August was very hot and very dry during the day, and we were lucky to have two much needed downfalls of a few hours each during the second half of the month which maintained moisture in the vines

The dry weather continued in September causing an anticipated harvest.

On the nearby Monte Amiata the mushroom season came to a halt but this was good news to a vignarole because of the famous saying "no mushrooms in the wood = healthy vineyard".

The cool nights of September were essential to maintain the right acidity in the wine that followed and we have great expectations.

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