



## TASTING NOTES

**NiK1 2019** is a perfect expression of the growing season, which was particularly warm and sunny.

The wine appearance is of intense, compact and deep ruby colour, instantly revealing good concentration.

On the nose notes of dark ripe berries, hints of spices and balsamic aroma of eucalyptus.

On the palate the wine is balanced, rich and fresh.

## WINEMAKING

TECHNIQUE:	The grapes are vinified separately Fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks Fermentation with selected yeasts 100% gravity processing Manual punching down
AGEING:	18 months in French oak barrels with 100% new wood
BOTTLING:	No clarification, no filtration

## VINEYARD

SOIL:	Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot: gravel, pebble, limestone Cabernet Franc: sand, clay and limestone
PLANTING DENSITY:	4500 vines/hectare with south/southwest exposure
HARVEST:	Hand-picked, harvest date adapted to each vineyard
PRODUCTION:	Merlot 40 hl/ha, Cabernet Sauvignon 42 hl/ha, Cabernet Franc 47 hl/ha, Petit Verdot 42 hl/ha
HEIGHT:	380m above sea level

## COMMENT ON THE VINTAGE

Thanks to the weather conditions, bud break began slightly earlier than in 2018. The cold in May then slowed down the growth cycle of the vine, delaying the start of the harvest to the end of September. Flowering took a long time, but fruit set was very productive. The low rainfall in June and July did not in any way prevent the development of the grapes. The productivity in the vineyards was qualitatively very good and quantitatively high, and we had excellent phytosanitary conditions, which allowed a substantial reduction of interventions in the vineyards. After a fairly dry and hot July, some heavy rainfall occurred in August, followed by a drier September with very hot, sunny and windy days, which allowed the grapes to ripen very slowly and optimally towards the end of the month.

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**VINTAGE:** 2019

**VARIETIES:** Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot

**ALCOHOL:** 14%

**APPELLATION:** Rosso del Ticino DOC

**REGION:** Mendrisiotto, Ticino (Switzerland)

