

# 2007

Vintage Report



**GAJA**

The 2007 harvest in Italy will be the smallest in history due to the exceptionally dry conditions throughout the country. The winter months in Northern Italy were marked by lack of snow, which set the stage for very arid conditions, and an extraordinarily hot summer that resulted in a drought in the South.

While it is still far too early to evaluate the vintage, the quality of the grapes harvested thus far indicates that the 2007 vintage in Piedmont and Tuscany should range from very good to excellent.

## PIEDMONT

### Gaja

For the Gaja Winery in Barbaresco, hail (first in May and then again in August) and dry conditions resulted in a 40% decline of Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc grapes. The Nebbiolo harvest will be about 25% less than usual. Harvest began on August 22nd and is ongoing. Overall, we anticipate the quality will be very good.

**Spring:** Favorable spring with some rain in June which anticipated the vegetation in the vineyards of about 25 days.

**Summer:** Dry and hot. Nice July with some rain in August which refreshed the temperatures and permitted to reduce the anticipation time in 15 days instead of 25 as it was in Spring time

**Autumn:** Nice, sunny September which allowed perfect conditions of harvest and excellent maturation of the grapes.

## TUSCANY

### Pieve Santa Restituta

the production decline will be around 15%. Harvest began on September 24th and is ongoing. The anticipated quality is very good.

**Spring:** Unusually lot of rain in Spring time.

**Summer:** Dry and hot summer as usually for Montalcino.

**Autumn:** Nice September with normal harvest condition.

### Ca' Marcanda

The drop in production could have been quite high because of the very dry conditions. But, there was only a 10% decline because an additional 27 acres of new vines were harvested this year. Harvest began on August 22nd and is ongoing. Anticipated quality is excellent.

**Spring:** With lot of rain in April and May. Early vegetation, but then the anticipation has been reduced in normal times.

**Summer:** Dry summer with harvest anticipated about 7 days.

**Autumn:** Nice September which permitted perfect conditions for harvest.



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