

## TASTING SHEET

### TERRA DI LAVORO

2018

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It is somewhat risky to associate Tolkien's Middle-earth to Terra di Lavoro 2018. Yet that "middle" of Tolkien is absolutely not reductive, as it is the place where his entire action takes place. The rest is the Ocean.

And it is exactly there, between two rich and great grape harvests such as the 2017 and the 2019 where Terra di Lavoro 2018 focuses its whole story.

Making its way after a season of bad weather and harshness, after a thorough and scrupulous work of care and selection, the grapes harvested led to a winning classic.

That's right! Terra di Lavoro of raining years has become a classic. The vintages of 2005, 2013, 2014, and 2016 are all characterised by a wonderful readiness. They all have a harmonious balance that needs less aging time to express their best.

Today's taste: kidnapped by the barrel, the colour is dark but with intense and brilliant violet reflections. The nose is compact, it needs time to express. When the time is right we get a dark blueberry, a eucalyptus leaf, a liquorice root.

In the mouth the perceptions of the wine evolve: a granitic sip of pulpy fruit that leaves no room for anything else for a long time. Then a slight unripe black cherry, the acidic load of berries, and a savoury, pleasing winy sensation. But maybe it is also a bit of fantasy that anticipates some of what is coming in the bottle. It could also become something Precious...