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Perhaps the Sun Spots cycle of last year made a prolonged effect on this year as well.

The winter has been very dry with plenty of sunshine and little rain right up to the month of March when suddenly came a very consistent snow fall that whitened the entire landscape right up to Monte Amiata to the joy of all skiers.

A heavy frost follow which kept the snow for ten days until it was dissolved by a substantial rain giving the soil all the nourishment needed before the vines start to vegetate.

The vineyards looked splendid right up to the end of June but then start to suffer the heat and the lack of rain.

So back in the vineyard with regular light ripping of the soil to avoid loosing moisture (remember that in Italy DOC and DOCG vineyards cannot be irrigated), kept the lower leaves over the bunches to protect them from direct Sunlight and made green pruning more severe. No sign or fear of mould so we reduce the spraying of the vines. We had to wait until September to have some rain.

The result of all our efforts produced a wine with beautiful structure, splendid colour and perfumes but 25% less quantities than the usual production.

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