Italian Wines in the World: Callas of Monte delle Vigne

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Monte delle Vigne
The Via Francigena, which in medieval time led pilgrims from Canterbury to Rome, was the watershed between the eastern vineyards, such as Malvasia and Sauvignon, and the western red ones, Barbera and Bonarda. On flatlands instead there were Merlot, Chardonnay and the typical Lambrusco and with them the new Monte delle Vigne, an underground variety, gravitationally crushed, and perfectly integrated in the surrounding area.

Production area: Colli di Parma
Established: 1983
Yearly production (bottles): 380.000

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CALLAS

Wine: White
Year: 2012
Price (ex winery, VAT included): 18,00 Euro
Yearly production (bottles): 19.000
Ageing: Steel
Designation: IGT
Grapes (%): Malvasia di Candia Aromatica 100%

We have tasted three or four Malvasia di Candia in these Wine Meridian tastings which have widened our horizons regarding the Malvasie universe. Even this Callas by Monte delle Vigne confirms the special characteristics of this grape variety, which has found the ideal habitat for expressing itself in the hills of Parma. It has an intense bouquet of white flowers (acacia
and hawthorn) and white fruit (apples in particular). It has a

harmonious, well balanced flavour in which the fruity hints return, and a pleasant and long persistence. Truly excellent when served with savoury salamis but also with a fois gras or fatty cheese.