

Grapes Sangiovese 85%, Merlot 15% Yield: 60 qt./ha

A rea of production Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy

Soil Lime and clay with a considerable presence of gravel size stones

V ineyard technique

Vine age Plantings completed in spring 2000 Plant density 6,900-11,000 plants per hectare

Aging 12 months in bottle

W inemaking

Grapes are firstly selected during harvest in the vineyard and then on the sorting table when they arrive to the winery; they are destemmed and the whole berries are immediately put into stainless steel fermentation tanks and a portion into French oak fermenters.

Alcoholic fermentation The temperature is computer controlled in the tanks where the must is kept in contact with the skins for about 20-25 days where remontage occurs every 6-8 hours and one delestage is done per week.

Malolactic fermentation French oak fermenting tanks and in French oak barriques (20% new and 80% used one year)

Maturation On fine lees for 6 months in barriques and oak fermenters, 8 months in barriques (20% new)

Tasting notes

Spicy notes of French oak rise above distinct aromas of cherry and berry. The palate has a backbone of Sangiovese, a roundness of Merlot and enhanced body from the oak. The fruit purity and varietal signatures are testament to the meticulous care given to the young vines. Note: Some sediment may occur in the bottom of the bottle as the wine is not filtered



| AG Vinous | 2019, 2018 2017 | 93 points 92 points |
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| Gambero Rosso | 2014 | ••• |
| Wine Advocate | 2019, 2016, 2010 2007 | ,92 points |
| | 2015, 2009 | 93+ points |
| James Suckling | 2020, 2012 | 92 points |
| | 2019, 2015 | 93 points |
| | 2018 | 95 points |
| | 2017, 2016 | 94 points |
| Wine Enthusiast | 2019 | 91 points |
| Wine Spectator | 2020, 2019, 2015 | ,91 points |
| | 2011, 2010 | |
| | 2016 | 92 points |
| Doctor Wine | 2019 | 96 points |

2016, 2015

95 points



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