

APPELLATION

Sangiovese-Cabernet IGT Toscana Rosso (Typical Geographic Indication)

VINE VARIETY

Sangiovese and Cabernet

GRADE OF ALCOHOL

135%

PRODUCTION ZONE

Produced in the heart of Tuscany coming mainly from the provinces of Florence, Pistoia and Siena

HISTORICAL NOTES

The wine come from the union of two vines, those of Sangiovese and Cabernet. The name Testardo (hard-headed) well represents the characteristics of this strong wine of a big personality; and it is exactly for these characteristics that this wine immediately made its way into the

international world.

TERRAIN COMPOSITION

Hilly terrain made up mainly of sandstone, limestone-marl substrata, clay shale and sand with the presence of galestro pebbles or rocks (called *Scheletro* in technical terms)

TRAINING SYSTEM

Spurred cordon (spur pruned), Guyot

VINE DENSITY

At least 3500 plants per hectare

YIELD PER HECTARE

The grape yield per hectare does not exceed 8,000 kilograms. The maximum must-to-fruit ratio does not exceed 70%

COMMERCIAL PERIOD

The harvest year and commercial period are established by the company relative to the optimal characteristics of the product.

FERMENTATION AND AGING

From a thorough grape inspection and analysis the best harvest period has been established as being the end of September through the middle of October. The alcohol fermentation takes place, separately for Sangiovese and Cabernet, in steel tanks at a controlled temperature of 26/28 °C for 12-16 days of peel maceration using recovery techniques. Once the fermentation is finished the aging takes place in barrels for twelve months and then for six months in the bottle.

SENSORY CHARACTERISTICS

From its intense red color it has a full taste with aromas of vanilla, tobacco and flowers with a final taste of soft and velvety tannins.

TASTING TEMPERATURE

18-20 °C

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING

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