

HORTENSE

2021

DOC BOLGHERI ROSSO SUPERIORE

WINEMAKER

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AREA OF PRODUCTION

Municipality of Castagneto Carducci, fraction of Donoratico (Livorno)

GRAPE VARIETY

80% Cabernet Franc - 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

DENSITA D'IMPIANTO

5600 Viti/Ha

YIELD PER HECTARE

55 QA/Ha

SOIL COMPOSITION

Sedimentary rocks composed of limestones, siliceous rocks, marbles, argillites with intercalations of sandstones and calcareous intrusions in galestro-like form.

PLANTINGS

From vines located at an altitude of 170 to 235 meters.
Guyot training method for cultivation.

VINIFICATION AND AGING

The grapes, previously selected in the vineyard, undergo an additional selection in the winery after being hand-harvested. The berries ferment in truncated conical cement tanks, unlined. Fermentation occurs with indigenous yeasts. Aging is completed with 16 months in barrique.

TASTING

Hortense wears a dark ruby-red dress, luminous and intriguing, an invitation revealed from the very first glance. The bouquet opens with a dense and dark medley of fruit. It sheds any superfluous notes, with a triumphant blend of enveloping warmth and clarity that defines its aromatic essence—free of embellishments and perfectly calibrated to immerse the taster in the true identity of Bolgheri.

The wine exudes Mediterranean scrubland, with intense notes of gentian, cinchona, licorice, and sweet hints of rhubarb that alternate in a play of light and shadow. Its fragrance is one of extreme complexity, meant to be explored with patience and respect.

On the palate, it asserts itself with an elegant yet never overwhelming structure, revealing dozens of shades of a delicious bitterness that forms the backbone of the wine. This perception begins in the center of the tongue, flowing gently toward the sides, where it bursts with flavor and finishes with a dizzying saline finale, akin to the sudden reflection of sunlight on a wave at sunset.

It evokes memories of walks between the beach and the campsite, of getting lost among the shrubs of the Mediterranean scrub, surrounded by the scents of rockrose and mastic, with the distant sea revealing iodized breezes.

