



LEMACCHIOLE
BOLGHERI

Bolgheri Rosso 2017

Bolgheri Rosso DOC

ESTATE

Le Macchiole can best be defined as the "Boutique Bolgheri." The estate is known above all for its single-variety wines, which have reached cult status among wine enthusiasts the world over. Le Macchiole was founded by two Bolgheri natives, Eugenio Campolmi and Cinzia Merli, who were among the pioneers of wine production in the region in the early 1980s together with Sassicaia and Ornellaia. In addition to its renowned single varieties, the winery is also celebrated for their polished, elegant, and sophisticated wines that are a result of extremely meticulous work in the vineyards.

WINE

Bolgheri Rosso is a refined and truly irresistible blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, serving as an introduction to the estate. The wine is, frankly, almost too good at the price. All the intensive artisanal work that Le Macchiole carries out in its vineyards and cellars benefits this wine, and it despite more availability than its Paleo Rosso, Messorio and Scrio siblings, it sells out nearly as quickly. Bolgheri Rosso is also the youngest of Le Macchiole's wines, first produced in 2004. The objective: to make a Bordeaux blend, but typical of Bolgheri.

VINEYARD

Bolgheri Rosso is sourced from 3 of the estate's five vineyards: Puntone, Casa Nuova and Nuova Vignone.

Vine Training: Double cordon spur and guyot Yields: 1000 gr per plant.

Grape Varieties: 40% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Syrah

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: 15 days in steel tanks.

Aging: 10 months, 80% in second, third and fourth passage 225-228L barriques, 20% concrete

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

As every year, harvesting exactly at the right ripeness stage of each grape variety is the challenge that the winery faces in order to make an extremely easy-drinking Bolgheri Rosso. The first Merlot grapes gave a fresh starting point and an assertive tannic texture, whereas the less dense yet very complex Syrah grapes gave spicy black pepper and red fruit notes and, above all, good acidity. The Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon grapes enjoyed a longer ripening cycle, which contributed to the wine's body and complexity on the finish.



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WINE ADVOCATE

"As usual, Le Macchiole has done a great job with all of its releases, including the lower-end bottles such as the 2017 Bolgheri Rosso. There is a sure sense of precision and sharpness here with bright berry and black cherry. Those aromas show quality and craftsmanship. You would do well to pair this accessible, mid-weight wine with simple pasta topped with fresh tomato sauce."