



# CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

## 2018 BALIFICO TOSCANA IGT



The Balifico vineyard shares its name and location with a villa. The first Super-Tuscans were created in the 1970s by Chianti producers who rejected government mandates that determined which grapes were required to go into their wine, especially white grapes like Malvasia and Trebbiano. The Super-Tuscans were also treated differently from Chianti, aged in small French barriques rather than in large Slovenian casks. Because they did not follow DOC regulations, the Super-Tuscans were entitled only to the lowest official designation of the time—vino da tavola. It wasn't until 1994 that the government recognized the high quality of the Super-Tuscans and gave the wine its own category—IGT (Indicazione Geografica Tipica).



ORGANIC WINE

<b>COMPOSITION</b>	65% Sangiovese, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>VINEYARD</b>	Balifico (bawl-ee-FEE-co)
<b>SIZE</b>	12.4 total (7.66 Sangiovese; 4.74 Cabernet Sauvignon)
<b>VINE AGE</b>	Average is 20-25 years old (ongoing planting since the 1980s)
<b>SOIL</b>	Sandstone
<b>ELEVATION</b>	Sangiovese: 470 meters (1,542 feet); Cabernet Sauvignon: 450 meters (1,475 feet)
<b>EXPOSURE</b>	South-southwest (Sangiovese); southwest (Cabernet Sauvignon)
<b>DENSITY</b>	Sangiovese: 5,435 vines/hectare (2,200 vines/acre); Cabernet Sauvignon: 5,698 vines/hectare (2,306 vines/acre)
<b>TRAINING</b>	Sangiovese: Guyot; Cabernet Sauvignon: Cordon spur

**VINTAGE NOTES** March was warm but the following months April and May were very cold and rainy. Good weather started from June 10th and the end of the month and beginning of July were very warm and dry. Intense warm from mid-July to end of August, interspersed with some rain that were able to guarantee the right humidity to the soil. In September and mid-October the weather was good but always with some scattered rain. Blooming was delayed of 10 days as well as flowering. In June vines started a sudden and vigorous development. Veraison began with some delay and continued fairly slow. Harvest started a few days later compared to the previous years.

**HARVEST DATE** Sangiovese: September 28 Cabernet Sauvignon: October 10

**BARREL AGING** 18 months in new French oak

**CASE PACK** 6/750 ml

**ALCOHOL / TA /RS** 14.5% / 5.34 g/L / 1.1 g/L

**TASTING NOTES** The Balifico has a vivid ruby color with a dark purple tinge. The nose is elegant, displaying aromas of blackberry and blueberry with hints of oak and cinnamon. This is a smooth wine with good structure and a long finish tasting of red fruit.

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