



CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

2020 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

COMPOSITION 65% Sangiovese, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD Balifico (bawl-ee-FEE-co)

SIZE 12.4 total (7.66 Sangiovese; 4.74 Cabernet Sauvignon)

VINE AGE Average is 20-25 years old (ongoing planting since the 1980s)

SOIL Sandstone

ELEVATION Sangiovese: 470 meters (1,542 feet);
Cabernet Sauvignon: 450 meters (1,475 feet)

EXPOSURE South-southwest (Sangiovese); southwest (Cabernet Sauvignon)

DENSITY Sangiovese: 5,435 vines/hectare (2,200 vines/acre);
Cabernet Sauvignon: 5,698 vines/hectare (2,306 vines/acre)

TRAINING Sangiovese: Guyot; Cabernet Sauvignon: Cordon spur

VINTAGE NOTES The 2020 wine production started early due to a warm winter and spring. Although temperatures dropped briefly in June, they quickly rose again and remained high throughout the summer. We had a dry winter but rainfall increased in May and the first half of June, before stopping almost entirely over the summer. Rain returned towards the end of August and during the harvest. The grapes were healthy, even those harvested later when the rain had begun again. In 2020, Volpaia wines have good acidity levels without excessive alcohol content, and are less concentrated but more elegant than in previous years..

HARVEST DATE Sangiovese: September 19th Cabernet Sauvignon: October 8th

BARREL AGING 18 months in new French oak

CASE PACK 6/750 ml

ALCOHOL / TA 14% / 5.4 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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