



LEMACCHIOLE
BOLGHERI

Paleo Rosso 2014

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

Paleo Rosso has been called Italy's hallmark expression of Cabernet Franc. Bolgheri has proven to be among the best places – if not the best – to grow the variety; the Mediterranean climate and surroundings result in a wine of extraordinarily expressive, sensual, and textural fruits and savory spices. This is a true wine lover's wine and has international group of devoted and passionate followers.

VINEYARD

Sourced from 4 of the estate's 5 vineyards: Puntone 1993, Casa Nuova 1998, Vignone 1999 and Madonnina 2002

Vine Training: Double cordon spur and single guyot

Yields: 800 grams per plant

Grape Variety: 100% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 15%

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: Maceration for 20 days in concrete tanks

Aging: 18 months in oak, 75% new and 25% second passage. The wine is further aged in bottle for 16 months.

VINTAGE

There is no question that the 2014 was challenging for all Italian wineries, including those in Bolgheri: rainfall, changeable weather and constant lack of sun adversely affected the harvest like rarely before. At Le Macchiole, a lot of time and hard work was put into protecting the grapes through constant canopy management to lighten the foliage, and allow for more sunlight and warmth to reach the grapes. Despite the challenges, the winery is quite pleased with the results: grape yield was lower than usual, but fruit quality was amazing.

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WINE SPECTATOR

"Rich yet focused, with flavors of black currant, olive, tobacco and iron. Features a dense grain, yet all the components work together, with balance and light tannins on the fresh, coffee-tinged finish. Cabernet Franc."