

Ambra

Carmignano
"Riserva Montalbiolo" 2012

Tuscany



Appellation: CARMIGNANO RISERVA DOCG
Zone: Carmignano
Cru: Montalbiolo
Vineyard extension (hectares): 1.5
Blend: 70% Sangiovese - 20% Canaiolo - 10% Cabernet sauvignon
Vineyard age (year of planting): Sangiovese 1975,1998 - Canaiolo 1975,1998 - Cabernet sauvignon 1975,1998
Soil Type: Marl, limestone
Exposure: South-East
Altitude: n/a
Colour: Intense ruby red
Nose: Intense and persistent, fruity with blueberry and violet notes, vanilla and toasty notes
Flavour: Warm, soft, fresh, silky tannins, harmonic, well structured
Serving temperature (°C): 18-20
Match with: Red meat, game, aged cheese
Average no. bottles/year: 2,600
Alcohol %: n/a
Grape yield per hectare tons: 4
Notes: n/a

Vinification and ageing: Maceration on the skins for 10-15 days in steel vats with T control after 2 days of cold maceration, maturation for 12 months in tonneaux (3.5 and 5 hectolitres - 20% new), followed by 12 months in Slavonian oak casks (25 hectolitre capacity). Finishing in the bottle.

Awards: n/a

Estate History

Fattoria Ambra has belonged to the Romei Rigoli family since 1870. The estate is located near the Ombrone river and the Villa Medicea of Poggio a Caiano. It is named after the poem "Ambra", written in the 15th century by Lorenzo Il Magnifico. The vineyards, of an extension of 20 hectares, stand in the hills of Montalbiolo, Elzana, Santa Cristina in Pilli and Montefortini, four of the most important crus of Carmignano. DOCG Carmignano is bottled as "Riserva Le Vigne Alte di Montalbiolo", "Riserva Elzana", "Vigna di Montefortini" and "Vigna di Santa Cristina in Pilli". The blend is mostly Sangiovese together with Cabernet Sauvignon, Canaiolo Nero, Colarino, Merlot and Syrah. A young version of Carmignano, "Barco Reale", and a rosè wine, "Vin Ruspo", complete the range of wines. Cabernet Sauvignon, previously called "Uva Francesca" ("French Grapes"), has been grown in Carmignano since 1700 when it was introduced by the Medici family. In Italy the name of Carmignano has been synonymous of fine wine ever since the 13th century and so great was its reputation that Cosimo III de' Medici, Grand Duke of Tuscany, decreed in 1716 that the appellation be strictly controlled. The borders of the ancient appellation remain identical to this day, making it one of the smallest DOCG areas in Italy.

