

LE MACCHIOLE

Le Macchiole has farmed their vineyards organically since 2002. Hand-harvesting and manual sorting are the norm here; a testament to the estate's steadfast dedication to quality. [Pictured: Le Macchiole's Vignone vineyard in Bolgheri]



Paleo Rosso 2016

Toscana IGT

ESTATE

Le Macchiole can best be defined as the "Boutique Bolgheri." The winery is known for its spectacular single-varietal wines — Syrah, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc farmed with the utmost attention to each bottling's "expression of the land." The winery continues to evolve in both the vineyards and in the cellar to allow the soil characteristics from this estate property to be the defining identity in the wines.

WINE

Paleo Rosso has been called Italy's landmark expression of Cabernet Franc. This grape variety is growing internationally as a distinct bottling, but Bolgheri has proven to be the single best place in the world to do so. The Mediterranean climate and surroundings result in a wine of extraordinarily expressive, sensual, and textural fruits and savory spices.

VINEYARD

Paleo Rosso is sourced from four of the estate's five vineyards: Puntone, Casa Nuova, Vignone and Madonna. Vines are planted in two training systems, double cordon and single guyot.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Cabernet Franc

Fermentation: 20 days in concrete/stainless steel

Aging: 20 months in oak barrique (75% new), 16 months in bottle

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

2016 was one of the smoothest years of the past decade. The season passed with no extreme weather conditions at all and the rain seemed to fall when the vines most needed it: abundant in March, normal in May and June, heavy in late July and warm and sunny weather from August to mid-September. The soils were repeatedly worked to balance the heat/humidity relationship in order to make the flowering and berry set stages easier. The growth of the bunches proceeded at a regular pace, the production was excellent and the ripeness perfect.

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"The 2016 Paleo Rosso is a total stunner. Explosive and intensely floral, with tremendous aromatic intensity, it exudes class from the very first taste. Grilled herbs, crushed rose, peach, espresso and raspberry jam are some of the many notes that flesh out [...] The personality of pure Cabernet Franc comes through in spades." - JR, 3/2019

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Wine Advocate

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Wine Enthusiast

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James Suckling