



CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

2016 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).

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| COMPOSITION | 65% Sangiovese, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| VINEYARD | Balifico (bawl-ee-FEE-co) |
| SIZE | 5.02 hectares (12.4 total acres): Sangiovese: 3.1 hectares (7.66 acres); Cabernet Sauvignon: 1.92 hectares (4.74 acres) |
| 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 year began with an initially hot then rainy Spring up until the middle of June, followed by a hot and dry Summer causing seriously drought-stressed vines. Heavy rain in the middle of September, followed by a drop in temperature has helped the grapes mature perfectly. |
| HARVEST DATE | Sangiovese: October 9 Cabernet Sauvignon: October 12 |
| BARREL AGING | 18 months in new French oak |
| CASE PACK | 6/750 ml |
| ALCOHOL / TA /RS | 14% / 5.4 g/L / 0.8 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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