



# LEMACCHIOLE BOLGHERI

## Paleo Rosso 2015

### Toscana IGT



#### 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 Madonna 2002.

*Vine Training:* Double cordon spur and single guyot.

*Yields:* 800 grams per plant

*Grape Variety:* 100% Cabernet Franc

#### 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.

*Alcohol:* 15%

#### VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage can be described as the most classic expression of the Bolgheri style, a wine of great character and complexity. Winter was mild with average rainfall and Spring saw steady temperatures with significant night/day temperature fluctuations and good rainfall. August temperatures were steadier than usual with good rainfall, which led to a slow and constant ripening of the perfectly healthy grapes. The season ended with an ideal September: temperatures, night/day temperature swings, sunlight, rainfall, everything was perfectly balanced to allow the grapes to reach the best ripeness condition.



#### WINE ADVOCATE

"There is a gorgeous nuttiness to the 2015 Paleo. It is a highly aromatic expression of Cabernet Franc, with a bouquet of roses and some notes of red cherry. The vineyard team was careful in timing the harvest and fermentations to make sure the fruit did not come in too ripe and so they could maintain the natural freshness of the grapes. The oak used is moderately to highly toasted so they could get more of those nutty notes instead of the more common coffee or chocolate aromas we associate with barrique. It is aged for 22 months and the overall result is incredible."