



Perched among the hillsides of Bocine in the Val d'Arno di Sopra appellation, the Petrolo Villa (pictured) was established in the early 1700s.



Galatrona 2019

Toscana IGT

ESTATE

Petrolo is the definition of a cult winery, with an owner and a story that have helped create its legendary status. Though virtually unknown even in the wine world, the Valdarno di Sopra denomination dates back to the days of the Medici family during the Renaissance, and the area has always been renowned for the winemaking potential of the tiny area of Tuscany near Chianti in which it is located. In the last fifteen years, Petrolo has established itself as one of Tuscany's, and Italy's, great wineries and is renowned above all for producing wines with a distinct regional identity.

WINE

Galatrona is Petrolo's most acclaimed wine, a Merlot cru made exclusively with grapes from the Galatrona-Feriale vineyard planted in various phases during the 1990s with low vigor Bordeaux clones. The unique microclimate allows the concentration of the noble components of the grapes that are fundamental for the great structure, elegance, balance, and persistence that has made Galatrona one of Italy's most coveted wines.

VINEYARD

Soils: Mostly loam soil, with variable rocky stratifications of schist, marl and sandstone.

Farming: EU Organic Certification since 2016. Natural/sustainable farming since 2004. Dry farming, no tillage, total grassing with mulch management, no use of synthetic pesticides or fertilizers.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Merlot

Fermentation: Natural vinification with native yeasts. Vinification occurs in concrete vats with soft and frequent manual pumping over, followed by skin maceration for over 18 days.

Aging: 18 months in French barriques, 1/3 in new oak. Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in wood. Constant batonnage of the fine lees during the first 8 months of aging.

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

After a fairly regular winter, the initially mild spring brought abundant rains in May and rather cold temperatures for the period. At the beginning of summer, with the heat wave in June, the development of the vines was realigned to its usual course. The consistent thunderstorms in July did not damage the vines and on the contrary the additional rain allowed a balanced growth of the bunches. The grapes in August benefited from a warm and bright period that guaranteed perfect ripeness and excellent health conditions.

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"Blackberries and black cherries with lavender and violets on the nose. Full-bodied with velvety, chewy tannins, yet the fruit is very intense with vibrancy and energy. Muscular, yet agile. Pure and poised. A unique definition of merlot in Tuscany." - JAMES SUCKLING., 11/2021

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