

# 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 2020

Toscana IGT, Italy

### 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 three of the estate's five vineyards: Ulivino, Casa Nuova, and Vignone Vines are planted in two training systems, double cordon and single guyot.

### WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Cabernet Franc

Fermentation: 20 days in concrete

Aging: 16 months in new oak barrel and stoneware amphora

Alcohol: 14%

### VINTAGE

A rainy winter with higher than average temperatures led to a warm spring. There was a frost in the beginning of April that threatened the buds, but there was no evident damage. The summer was classified as classic, and dry through harvest which began at the end of August.

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## WINEENTHUSIAST

"A riot of pepper lights up the nose, from cracked black to green peppercorn to hot chili. Flint and leather undertones empower the heat, while aromas of raspberry jam and vanilla provide balance. The palate stays spicy, with snappy, confident acidity, but a sweetness lingers, and a finish of chili and chocolate ties everything together. Transcendent." - D.C. 12/23

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