# COTARELLA



**APPELLATION** 

LAZIO IGP

**COMPOSITION** 

100% Merlot

## **PRODUCTION AREA**

Montefiascone and Castiglione in Teverina

SURFACE AREA OF VINEYARD

86 ACRES

**ALTITUDE** 

300 metres above sea level

**SOIL TYPE** 

Sedementary rocks, clay and limestone

**TRELLISING** 

Spur Cordon

AVERAGE AGE OF VINES

15 years



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#### **HARVEST**

Hand harvested during the first half of September.

#### FERMENTATION OVERVIEW

Grapes macerated on the skins for 12 days with frequent delicate punch-downs.
Alcoholic fermentation conducted in stainless steel and malolactic is performed in barrel.

#### **BARREL AGING**

9 months in new & neutral barriques of varying size.

#### **BOTTLE AGING**

Wine ages an additional 12 months in bottle before release

**ALCOHOL** 

14.10 %

**TOTAL ACIDITY** 

5.09 g/L

РΗ

3.63

**AWARDS** 

92PT WINE ADVOCATE
91PT JAMES SUCKLING
3 BICCHIERI GAMBERO ROSSO

### 2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage began with rather normal temperatures and precipitation, promoting budbreak that was in line with the historical average of the region. Spring, and in particular the month of May, was characterized by frequent rainfall and temperatures slightly below average. The summer months were generally hot and dry, without noticeable spikes, providing optimal ripening conditions for the Merlot, Cabernet & Sangiovese grapes that comprise this wine. A windy and cooler September insured healthy & phenolically-mature clusters were obtained during harvest.

#### VINIFICATION DETAILS

Grapes are harvested by hand and taken to the winery where they are manually selected and fermented in stainless steel tanks with regular, soft manual punch-downs. Temperature is controlled in order to preserve the enate balance of the Merlot varietal. Upon completion of alcoholic fermentation, the wine is transferred to barrel for malolactic and aging for 9-10 months. Sodale is aged several months in bottle before its release.

#### TASTING NOTES

Intensely red in color with purple reflections, this wine contains aromas of forest berries, sweet spice and vanilla bean. Round and harmonious on the palate, this wine has sweet tannins and a delicate finish.