TOLAINI

LEGIT CABERNET SAUVIGNON TOSCANA IGT

2021

Made with grapes grown in our San Giovanni vineyard, a sandy terroir that lends structure and elegance to this Cabernet Sauvignon. The label reproduces the album cover from the famous Thelonious Monk concert recording, “Live in Milan” in 1961.

Grapes

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Area of production

Vineyard site: San Giovanni a Cerreto, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Chianti Classico Region, Tuscany

Soil

At San Giovanni a Cerreto, the soils are composed of yellow quartz sands and marine conglomerates, threaded with rounded pebbles and fossilized seashells. Loose, light-textured, and highly permeable, these reflective yellow soils enhance light exposure and promote even, consistent ripening.

Vineyard technique

Respect for the land is paramount at Tolaini, with a viticultural approach grounded in rigorous organic certification, regenerative practices, and a preventative philosophy that treats the vineyard as a living system. High-density planting, from 6,000 to over 7,350 vines per hectare, combined with specialized cover crops and active biodiversity preservation, encourages deep root development, enhances vine resilience, and naturally limits yields to achieve greater fruit concentration.



Winemaking

Grapes are first selected during harvest in the vineyard, then again by optical sorter at the winery. Following destemming, the whole berries are placed directly into 4,800 L French oak fermenters.

Alcoholic fermentation

Fermentation is temperature-controlled, with maceration on the skins for approximately 30 days.

Maturation

The wine rests for 24 months in barriques (70% new and 30% second-fill), with 6 months spent on the fine lees.

Press

Robert Parker Wine Advocate	92 points
Vinous	92 points
Wine Spectator	94 points
James Suckling	93 points

Tasting note

Deep ruby red. The nose reveals notes of green pepper, licorice, and graphite, woven with oak-derived vanilla. Full-bodied with a ripe-fruit palate, LEGIT shows the long-term ageing potential characteristic of Cabernet Sauvignon grown in Castelnuovo Berardenga

We are certified organic since 2023 and have achieved carbon-negative status through sustainable practices.

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