



*Castello del Terriccio*

## LUPICAIA

It is the leading wine of the farm - the wine which has made the estate world-renowned. This rich Super Tuscan has considerable ageing potential and it is one of the finest made; its debut vintage, as well as all following vintages, achieved the coveted Tre Bicchieri award. The two characteristic red-brown parallel segments on the label symbolize the typical red colour of the soil in the vineyards.

Lupicaia is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot, vinified from only the best of the carefully selected grapes, and aged for 18 months in new French Allier barrels. A heady blend of crushed black cherry, blackberry and spice aromas precede plush blackcurrant, dark chocolate and mint-laced fruit with mineral aspect and a sculpting acidity. Tannins are big, round and soft before an eternal finish.

Region/Origin: I.G.T. - Indicazione Geografica Tipica - Rosso di Toscana - (Toscana I.G.T.)

Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon 85%, Merlot 10% and Petit-Verdot 5%

Location: 120 m above sea level, exposition South/South-West

Training system: Spurred Cordon

Vine density per hectare: between 3.600 and 4.200 plants/ha

Harvest: From September 5 for the Merlot and from October 1 for Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit-Verdot.

Sugar level at harvest: 255 g/l

Fermentation: In stainless steel vats at 31-32°C, 16 days for the Merlot and 20 days for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Malolactic fermentation for about one month.

Aging: The wine was aged separately in French oak barrels from Allier/Tronçais for 18 months

Alcohol: 14,5% vol.

Total Acid: 5,90 g/l

Production: 23.000 bottles

(6 bottles in wood case).

Available also in Magnum, Double Magnum and Methusalem bottles.

Oenologist: Carlo Ferrini

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## TOSCANA

Wine has literally been a part of the Tuscan civilization for over 3,000 years. From the time the ancient Etruscans settled in the gentle rolling hills of Tuscany, viticulture and wine production have been an important element of everyday life and indeed was even considered to be mystical. Tuscany is a much larger region than many people realize and it encompasses many different wine regions and climate types. The one thing most regions have in common is the selection of grape varieties. In general, Sangiovese is the dominant red varietal and Trebbiano is the dominant white varietal. The north west of Tuscany is mountainous and is famous for the beautiful Apuan Alps. The climate in the north is continental with hot summers and freezing winters.

