



PETROLO

## Galatrona 2015

Val d'Arno di Sopra DOC

### 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

*Altitude:* 820 ft - 1640 ft above sea level

*Soil:* 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.

*Grape Variety:* 100% Merlot

### WINEMAKING

*Fermentation:* Natural vinification with native yeasts. Vinification in concrete vats. Soft and frequent manual pumping over. Skin maceration 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 6 months of aging.



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### JAMES SUCKLING

"Terrific aromas of violets, roses and raspberries with hints of strawberries and brown sugar. Full body. Phenomenal layers of focused fruit and polished velvety tannins. This is the Galatrona that everyone has been waiting for. It's the vintage that shows depth and power yet wonderful finesse and focus. Best ever. Drink from 2023 but already electrifying."