



MASCIARELLI

(Left) The 18th century Castello di Semivicoli is the awe-inspiring home to Masciarelli's tasting room and guest accommodations. Gianni Masciarelli (right) was a true pioneer of Abruzzo, producing world-class quality wines years before other winemakers in the region followed suit.



Rosato Colline Teatine 2019

Rosato Colline Teatine IGT, Italy

ESTATE

Founded by Abruzzo native Gianni Masciarelli in 1981, Masciarelli and its wines have become the standard bearer for the Abruzzo region, and an inspiration to all emerging Italian wine regions. After a summer in Champagne, Gianni Masciarelli became convinced that world-class wines could be produced in Abruzzo, and through tremendous vision and non-stop innovation, Masciarelli became one of the most admired wineries in Italy.

WINE

Abruzzo and its Montepulciano grape are famous for making arguably the finest rose in Italy, from one of the only appellations in Italy dedicated completely to rosé; Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo. This Rosato is the little sister - a totally delightful expression. It is a fresh, completely delightful, and extremely affordable wine; but it is also a product with a historical context and culture, with a grape - Montepulciano d'Abruzzo - that is perfectly adapted to the climate and soils to create quality rosé.

VINEYARD

Location: Masciarelli has acquired over 60 vineyard parcels throughout the region, in order to put have a harvest that is consistently as safe as possible from the vagaries of the weather and always guarantee quality grapes. The Rosato is sourced mainly from sites around Chieti, which is located in the municipalities of San Martino sulla Marrucina (1,433 feet), Ripa Teatina (820 feet) and Colonnella (524 feet).

Soils: Mostly calcareous clay with alluvial sediments

Farming: Traditional pergola as well as high density spur cordon and single guyot; all hand-harvested and farmed sustainably

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Montepulciano

Fermentation: Grapes are destemmed, and pressed softly, followed by cold fermentation in stainless steel

Aging: The wine is shortly refined in stainless steel prior to bottling in order to preserve freshness

Alcohol: 13.0%

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"Salmon-pink color. Lots of strawberries and stewed cherries on the nose. It's medium-bodied and crisp with notes of bitter red apple skin and pip." - JAMES SUCKLING 12/2020