MAZZEI
1435

2015 TENUTA BELGUARDO
MAREMMA TOSCANA ROSSO DOC

Established in 1435, the Mazzei family is one of Tuscany's oldest wine dynasties and they have been cultivating vineyards and crafting fine wine for over 600 years, originally in Chianti Classico and now in Maremma, Sicily and Treviso as well. Leading the portfolio today are the Marchesi Mazzei, brothers Francesco and Filippo, as well as Filippo's son Giovanni, the 25th generation. All the estates are farmed with a commitment to reducing environmental impact and fostering sustainability.

The Mazzei family purchased the land that became Belguardo in the mid-90's after an extensive search for a property that provided the best expression for international and indigenous grape varieties. The estate's wines quickly gained global recognition for their quality and established the outstanding potential of the Maremma region.

The estate's flagship wine, Tenuta Belguardo, is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, and is a reference point for Maremma Toscana DOC. Powerful but refined, this wine has garnered important accolades by experts in Italy and abroad.

VINTAGE NOTES
A wet winter prepared the soil for summer heat and drought in 2015. A cool, rainy spring slightly delayed budding, and a chilly April slowed development, but without damaging frost. Bloom and set took place in ideal conditions in May, but summer brought extreme heat with 100ºF peaks in July and August. Light August rains helped the vines recover and fully ripen, followed by a nice, gradual harvest in September. 2015 delivered excellent quality fruit, which yielded opulent, well-structured wines.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Appellation: Maremma Toscana Rosso DOC

Composition: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc

Vineyards: Estate plots between Grosseto and Montiano, next to the Tyrrhenian Sea

Elevation: 230-430 feet (70-130 m)

Soil: Primarily fine gravel of sandstone and limestone-clay Alberese

Maturation: 18 months in small French oak barrels (70% new)

Alcohol: 14.6%

Pack: 6/750ML