



2018 TENUTA BELGUARDO MAREMMA TOSCANA ROSSO RISERVA 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

The 2018 vintage was excellent from both a qualitative and quantitative perspective. Abundant winter precipitation offset the deficits of previous years. Warmer spring temperatures led to early budding, and the summer progressed with the expected large diurnal swings between hot days and cool nights. Harvest started in September when grapes reached phenolic maturity and the resulting wines balance freshness with richness and complexity.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Appellation: Maremma Toscana Rosso Riserva DOC

Composition: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc

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

Elevation: 230-426 feet (70-130 m)

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

Maturation: 18 months in 225L French oak barrels (70% new); 4 months in

concrete tanks for finissage

Alcohol: 13.6% Pack: 6/750ML