

Magliano in Toscana, Province of Grosseto

Established: 2000

Owners: Joe & Lidia Bastianich, Mario Batali

Winemakers: Maurizio Castelli

Production: 170,000

Hectares under vine: 15

Viticulture: Conventional



In 2000, wine and food luminaries Joe Bastianich, Lidia Bastianich and Mario Batali joined forces to create La Mozza, a beautiful 40 hectare estate located in the Maremma region of Tuscany. Together with their oenologist, Maurizio Castelli, the group seized on the freedom of expression opportunity that the Maremma offers, planting Sangiovese and other Mediterranean varietals such as Alicante, Carignano and Syrah. La Mozza produces two wines with a high quality/value for money relationship.

Morellino di Scansano DOCG 'I Perazzi'

A blend of 85% Morellino (the local name for Sangiovese in the Maremma), 5% Syrah, 5% Alicante, 3% Ciliegiolo and 2% Colorino. The wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts and undergoes a longer than usual maceration of between 15-20 days before one third is aged in old barriques for 6 months. Juicy dark fruit mingles with spice and liquorice on the palate. The bright, ripe cherry and soft texture makes this a natural match with fresh Mediterranean flavours and dishes.

Aragone IGT

A blend of 40% Sangiovese, 25% Alicante, 25% Syrah and 10% Carignano. Fermented by indigenous yeasts with extended maceration in open-top tonneaux, it is aged in tonneaux for 22 months. Intense ruby red with reflections of violet. Sangiovese and Alicante contribute to the structure and complexity of the blend with spice and liquorice flavors. Syrah and Carignan contribute a fresh dark berry component and the wine hints at a Southern Rhone style with black olive aromas, and ripe fruit recalls the depth of Spanish Priorat.

The name Aragone refers to the Aragons of Spain who, together with the Medici family of Florence, dominated the region of Maremma in the 1500's. The six-point star depicted on the label represents an aerial view of Forte Stella, built by the Spanish around 1550 and located in Porto Ercole just south of Grosseto.

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