

## ***Bolgheri, Province of Livorno***

*Established: 1977*

*Owner: Claudio Tipa*

*Winemakers: Luca Marrone & Maurizio Castelli*

*Production: 80,000*

*Hectares under vine: 13*

*Viticulture: Certified Organic*

*Vegan Friendly*



Established in 1977 in Bolgheri, Italy's 'cradle of Cabernet', Grattamacco's vineyards and olive groves are surrounded and protected from the prevailing strong sea breezes by 1600 hectares of vast woodlands. The vineyards are divided by soil type into seven sub-zones which also determines the ratio and type of vines planted. Calcareous sandstone in the sub-zone 'Buca delle Cascie' sees Cabernet and Sangiovese in predominance; the calcareous clay in 'La Palmetta' is ideal for Merlot and Vermentino enjoys the marl flysch of 'Le Balze'.

The estate follows the criteria of organic farming, guaranteed and certified by the AIAB (Associazione Italiana Agricoltura Biologica). At harvest, following rigorous selection, fermentation takes place in truncated cone shaped oak vats of 800 litres and malo and ageing is in new and second passage barriques. Grattamacco has delivered remarkable consistency since its first release in 1982 they remain the only producer in Bolgheri to use Sangiovese in their flagship wine, a factor we think only enhances its distinctive Tuscan character.

### **Bolgheri Rosso DOC**

60% Cabernet, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot and 10% Sangiovese. An ample nose of red and black berry fruit, sweet spice and earthy notes. The palate hints at Tuscan flavours of leather, tar and grilled herbs, finishing rich and smooth.

### **Bolgheri Rosso Superiore DOC**

Generally referred to as Grattamacco 'Grattamacco', to distinguish it from its little brother Bolgheri Rosso, this is the estate's flagship red, made up of 65% Cabernet, 20% Merlot and 15% Sangiovese. These are the estate's oldest vines with a minimum age of 20 years, planted to 4500 – 6000 vines per hectare and the wine is aged eighteen months in barriques in new and second passage barriques. Complex aromas range from blackberry, plums, herbs, coffee and leather with perfectly integrated oak and sweet, spicy notes. The palate is long and persistent and, for a wine with great ageing capacity, it is incredibly enjoyable in its youth.

**2019** *The 2019 Bolgheri Superiore Grattamacco (a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot and 15% Sangiovese) is a real beauty and shows very nicely today based on advancing vine age alone. This is a complete and beautifully balanced wine that shows soft extraction and especially sweet tannins. It fermented in truncated conical oak vats and finished in barrique for 18 months.*  
97, Monica Larner – Wine Advocate

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