

# Tenute Lunelli

Wine Region: Umbria, Italy Date Established: 2001 Winemaker: Marcello Lunelli



The Tenuta Castelbuono Estate in Umbria is the latest project of the Lunelli family, who for 3 generations has been at the helm of the world-renowned sparkling wine producer Ferrari in Trentino, Italy.

In 2001, fascinated by the ancient and almost mystical land of Umbria and by the powerful Sagrantino wines, the Lunelli family acquired Tenuta Castelbuono. With this aspiring project, the Lunellis hope to continue the tradition of excellence achieved by Ferrari sparkling wine.

The Castelbuono property encompasses 30 hectares of vineyards in the areas of Bevagna and Montefalco. Since acquiring the property, the Lunellis have focused on converting the vineyards to organic agriculture and replanting some areas based on extensive research into specific Sagrantino clones. In 2003, the first vintage of Montefalco Sagrantino was released followed by the Montefalco Rosso in 2004.

The winery is a realization of sculptor Arnaldo Pomodoro and the technical expertise of architect Giorgio Pedrotti. The huge dome covered with copper, marked with a pattern of grooves and cracks, is inspired by a carapace, a tortoise shell. An accompanying sculptural element in the shape of a red arrow piercing the earth highlights the structure in the surrounding landscape.



- **CARAPACE MONTEFALCO SAGRANTINO DOCG** 100% Sagrantino, Estate grown. Intense aromas of blackberry and blueberry preserve with notes of cherry and leather. **94 Points**- Cellar Selection, *Wine Enthusiast*, February 2015.
- **LAMPANTE MONTEFALCO ROSSO RISERVA DOC** 70% Sangiovese, 15% Sagrantino, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 15% Merlot. Aromas of wild violets and cherries in brandy, elegant fruit and well-structured tannins, long finish. **89 Points**-*Wine Enthusiast*, February 2015.
- **ZIGGURAT MONTEFALCO ROSSO DOC** 70% Sangiovese, 15% Sagrantino, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 15% Merlot. Elegant and complex with aromas of cherry, cloves and a hint of basalmic. **89 Points**- **“Best Buy”** *Wine Enthusiast*, February 2015.

- Sagrantino is a unique grape variety, a vivid combination of tradition and innovation, unmistakable for its power and aromatic body
- The vision of Marcello Lunelli and the winemaking team at Tenute Lunelli, is to create wines that frame the strong personality of the vine
- At Castelbuono, historic old vines are preserved and new vines added through a structured cloning selection project called the “Patriarchs Project”
- The Castelbuono project is represented by modern vineyards, managed with cutting edge techniques, and a wholehearted embrace of organic farming methods, all of which seek to respect and preserve the ancient genetic potential of the vines

