



SELLA & MOSCA MARCHESE DI VILLAMARINA

In Italy and elsewhere in Europe, wine connoisseurs and industry professionals rate Sella & Mosca among Italy's most outstanding wine estates. Sella & Mosca's I Piani estate in Sardinia constitutes the second largest contiguous vineyard in Italy and counts itself among the country's most impressive wineries. Situated in the northwest corner of Sardinia, just inland from the pretty, historic port of Alghero, this 1,600-acre property with more than 1,200 acres of vines is one of the largest wine estates in Europe

As Sardinia's foremost wine producer, Sella & Mosca is renowned for premium wines made exclusively from estate-grown grapes. In addition to native varieties such as Vermentino and Cannonau, the winery has successfully pioneered the introduction of international grape varieties, notably Cabernet Sauvignon.

At tastings and contests in Europe and beyond, this super-premium Cabernet Sauvignon from Sardinia has taken critics by storm. In 1994 it made a spectacular debut, when it won the hotly contested category of Italian Reds for the Future at the 10th Annual Wine Challenge hosted by Wine, a top U.K. wine publication; rivals included Tuscany's Sassicaia. Successive vintages have gone on to earn an extraordinary collection of no less than 13 Tre Bicchieri designations from Gambero Rosso, Italy's most influential wine magazine.



PRODUCTION AREA

Country: Italy
Region: Sardinia
Appellation: Alghero DOC

From the Marchese di Villamarina single vineyard on the Sella & Mosca estate. Vines were initially planted in this vineyard in the late 1950s. Replanting is being conducted in gradual stages, so as to maintain the overall longevity of these vines. The soil is rich in iron, clay and sand from the pre-historic era.

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES

The grapes are harvested manually and mechanically in late Autumn and fermented for two weeks in stainless steel vats at 68 to 82°F.

AGING

The wine is matured 18 months in small French oak casks, followed by a further 12 months in large oak barrels. After bottling, it is aged an additional 18 months prior to release.

DESCRIPTION

Color: Rich, majestic red
Aroma: Intense and mellow with remarkable red fruit fragrances
Taste: Classic flavors of Cabernet with accents of vanilla, black currant, soft wood tannins with a lingering finish

ANALYSIS

Alc.: 13.0% Residual Sugar (g/L): 1.6 Total Acidity (g/L): 5.9 pH: 3.44

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

A match for top quality steaks, red meats and game.

BOTTLE SIZES

750 ml