

Tolaini

Picconero Tenuta Montebello Toscana IGT



The estate's objective is to produce a great wine without compromise thus only the estate's best grapes are chosen for Picconero. Once harvested, the grapes undergo 3 selection processes before only the whole berries are transferred to the French oak fermenters. The temperature is controlled while the skins are kept in contact with the wine for 30 days. Manual push downs and pump overs are done every 4-6 hrs with 1 delestage per week. The wine is then kept in the cellar for 18 months of aging in new barriques, 6 months on fine lees. The wine is bottled and rests another 12 months before shipping. The extreme attention to detail starting in the vineyard with the green harvests enhancing the quality of the fruit on the vine, gives life to a great wine with complexity, sensuality and elegance and the promise of a long life.

The name Picconero comes from Picco which is the Italian word for "peak" and nero, the Italian word for black, which Italians use historically to refer to red wine.

Grape varieties : 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc

Altitude : 320-380m ASL

Exposure : West/Southwest

Soil : Lime and clay, with a considerable presence of gravel-sized stones

Alcohol : 14%

Tasting notes :

This superstar super-Tuscan is a blockbuster! Rich, concentrated and muscular, yet wonderfully balanced with deep tiers of cherry, plums and wild berries, and nuances of spice and currants. A long flavorful aftertaste echoes with juicy fruit and mouthwatering tannins for minutes afterwards.



Press Notes

The Wine Advocate

2015	95 points
2011, 2009, 2006	93 points
2010, 2014	94 points
2007	91 points

Wine Spectator

2015, 2011, 2007	93 points
2014	92 points
2010	90 points
2009, 2005	91 points
2006	94 points

James Suckling

2018	96-97 points
2017	94-95 points
2016	95-96 points
2015, 2011, 2009	93 points
2014	91 points
2010, 2008	94 points

AG Vinous

2012, 2010, 2009, 2008	92 points
2011, 2007	93 points

Gambero Rosso

2010, 2009	
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