

Barco Reale di Carmignano 2018

Carmignano, Tuscany, Italy



Winemaker	Benedetta Contini Bonacossi
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13.5%
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl
Notes	Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Capezzana, in the Carmignano zone to the west of Florence, is owned and run by the Contini Bonacossi family who are the latest in a long line of owners. The history of the estate has been found to stretch back to 804 AD. This is evidenced by contracts to rent vines and olive groves at Capezzana, signed in this period, which exist in the archives in Florence. Today, the responsibility for ensuring the continuation of such longevity lies with the fourth generation of the Contini Bonacossi family. Beatrice Contini Bonacossi looks after all marketing and communication aspects, while her sister Benedetta is in charge of winemaking. Franco Bernabei is their consultant winemaker, under whose guidance the Capezzana wines have achieved additional focus and personality.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine are grown on the estate's 80 hectares of vineyard which are situated at approximately 150-200 metres above sea level, and face south, south-east and south-west. Soils are schistous clay with limestone.

VINTAGE

2018 started out with a cold and rainy winter, with occasional snowfall. When spring arrived, Capezzana had to take special care in the vineyard to counteract the heat and humidity and combat pests in the vineyard. However, June brought sunny days through to harvest time. Thanks to the scrupulous work in the vineyard earlier in the year at Capezzana they were able to harvest perfectly healthy and ripe grapes.

VINIFICATION

Barco Reale is a younger version of the Carmignano from Capezzana, as the fruit is sourced from slightly younger vines in the same vineyards. Fermentation lasted seven days in temperature-controlled, stainless-steel vats followed by a seven day maceration. The wine was matured in 24 hectolitre Allier oak barrels for 6-8 months before bottling, followed by three months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep purple in colour with ruby red highlights. On the nose, cherry and plum aromas are complemented by a touch of oak. Rounded and ripe on the palate, it shows lovely balanced fruit and tannin structure. There is a hint of spiced berries on the long, elegant finish.