

Capezzana,  
`Villa di Capezzana` Carmignano 2018  
Carmignano, Tuscany, Italy



Grape Varieties	<b>80% Sangiovese</b> <b>20% Cabernet Sauvignon</b>
Winemaker	<b>Franco Bernabei</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>14.5%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>0.9g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>5.32g/L</b>
Notes	<b>Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan</b>

## PRODUCER

The Capezzana estate, 24 kilometres north west of Florence, is owned by the Contini Bonacossi family. The younger generation is now firmly in charge of the estate's 80 hectares of vineyard, with daughter Benedetta Contini Bonacossi as winemaker and Franco Bernabei as consultant winemaker. The wines and the olive oil have an elegance which marks this estate out from the crowd.

## VINEYARDS

Grapes are grown on the estate's 104 hectares of organically-farmed vineyard in the Carmignano zone. Vines are situated at 100-200 metres above sea level, facing south and south-west. Soils are schistous clay and 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

Fermentation took place in stainless-steel tanks for seven days, followed by a 13-day maceration on the skins at temperatures between 26-28°C. Then, the wine was transferred into French oak for malolactic fermentation. 70% of the wine was aged in 3.5 hectolitre tonneaux for 12 months and the remaining 30% in larger barrels for 16 months. The wine was then blended and bottled before a further 12 months ageing prior to release.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine is intense ruby red in colour with youthful highlights. On the nose, there are notes of almonds, violets and blood oranges, which are intertwined with aromas of coffee and vanilla. It is a full-bodied wine with well-balanced acidity. The rounded tannins from the Sangiovese are lifted by the cassis concentration of the Cabernet on the long, concentrated finish.

## AWARDS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2022, Silver