

Capezzana,
Barco Reale di Carmignano 2021
Carmignano, Tuscany, Italy



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

Barco Reale is a youthful version of the Carmignano from Capezzana, as the fruit is sourced from slightly younger vines in the same vineyards situated at approximately 150-200 metres above sea level, facing south, south-east and south-west. Soils here are clay schist (Galestro rock) and limestone (Alberese rock) which give Barco Reale a lovely freshness.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage began with a cold winter, spring brought with it rain and a severe frost, damaging some vines. Summer was dry, with cool nights and sunny days that helped to preserve the fresh fruit characteristics of the grapes. The Sangiovese was harvested in the first week of September and the others at the beginning of October. The vintage was atypical and complex, challenging weather reduced yield but a good summer led to fruit of very high quality.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation lasted seven days in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks followed by an eight day maceration, where malolactic fermentation took place. The wine was then racked and matured in 24 hectolitre Allier oak barrels for 6-8 months before bottling, followed by a further three months in bottle prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep ruby red in colour. The intense and fruity nose displays aromas of red plum and cherry with subtle hints of oak from barrel ageing. Rounded and ripe on the palate, it shows a perfect balance of fruit and well-integrated tannins. There is a hint of spiced berries on the long, elegant finish.

Grape Varieties	75% Sangiovese 15% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Canaiolo 5% Cabernet Franc
Winemaker	Benedetta Contini Bonacossi
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	0.61g/L
Acidity	5.52g/L
Wine pH	3.56
Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl, 500cl
Notes	Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan