

Isole e Olena,

`Collezione Privata` Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy

ISOLE e OLENA



PRODUCER

Isole e Olena's vineyards, like those of Giovanni Manetti at Fontodi, are superbly tended. This, more than anything, yields wines of the quality that have kept them both ahead of the chasing pack for the past three decades.

The name 'Isole e Olena' came about in the 1950s when two adjoining estates, 'Isole' and 'Olena', were purchased by the De Marchi family and combined to form one. The history of both estates dates back many hundreds of years, with the earliest documentation of the village of Olena in the 12th century. From 2022 Isole e Olena is the property of Christopher Descours, the owner of Charles Heidsieck, Piper-Heidsieck, Rare Champagne, Château la Verrerie and Biondi Santi. Emanuele Reolon is the new Estate Director at Isole e Olena and has a clear vision to build on Paolo De Marchi's exceptional results, with a restless quest for quality and excellence.

VINEYARDS

The grapes are grown on the Isole e Olena estate which covers 49 hectares, five of which are planted with Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyards are approximately 400m above sea level and face south and south-west. The oldest vines on the estate were planted in 1958 and the youngest in 2007.

VINTAGE

The 2021 season began with challengingly low spring temperatures that slowed shoot development, and constant rains negatively impacted flowering and fruit set. These factors significantly reduced harvest yields. The rains helped protect the vines against the hot, dry summer and any potential further stress. After some light rain in August, September brought the ideal conditions preceding harvest of hot days and cool nights, ensuring the grapes had lively acidity and complex aromas.

VINIFICATION

The must is fermented in stainless steel tanks, before it is then transferred to barriques for one year. The oak is 30% new, 30% second use, and 30% third use. The wine then spends another two years in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

Opulent blackcurrants and currant bush, with hints of graphite and black ink on the nose. The palate is full-bodied, with chewy tannins, and ample blueberries and bramble notes alongside violet flowers. Deep structure, with a well-balanced finish.

Grape Varieties	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	15%
Acidity	6.46g/L
Wine pH	3.3
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan