

Selvapiana,
`Vigneto Erchi` Chianti Rufina 2021
Chianti Rufina, Tuscany, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Sangiovese
Winemaker	Federico Giuntini
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13.5%
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan, Practising Organic

PRODUCER

The Rufina zone is the smallest of all in Chianti (about 1,000 hectares of vineyard) but also one of the most special. The cool breeze that blows down the Sieve Valley gives the best wines a finesse and definition that few in Chianti Classico can match. And there is no better producer in Rufina than Selvapiana, which has been in the family of Francesco Giuntini since 1827. Federico Giuntini Masseti now runs the property, which is situated just north of the town of Pontassieve. The estate covers 245 hectares, 60 of which are planted under vine (95% being Sangiovese), 22 are olive groves, and the rest is covered by woods. For the most part, the vineyards face west, though Selvapiana's prized Bucerchiale vineyard is south west facing.

VINEYARDS

Erchi is a south facing vineyard covering six hectares in Pontassieve, on the slightly warmer western side of the Rufina denomination. Selvapiana purchased the land in 1998 and re-planted it in 1999. Vines are grown at altitudes of 200-260 metres above sea level. Soils have relatively high iron and chalk contents, with a small amount of galestro.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage started with a particularly mild and rainy winter. An onset of frost in spring was followed by persistent drought in summer. Luckily, the weather was ideal during harvest. The water reserves accumulated in winter lessened the damage linked to the summer dry conditions reducing risk of disease over the summer months. Overall, 2021 produced some excellent quality wines with great complexity.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation took place in temperature controlled stainless-steel tanks. The wine spent 35-40 days on skins after fermentation, with malolactic fermentation taking place during this time. After this, the wine was aged for 15-16 months in oak: 10% in new French oak barriques, and the rest in large casks. Finally, the wine spent one year in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has great intensity on the nose. The palate shows great power balanced by finesse. It is fruit-packed with crushed cherry, raspberry compote aromas supported by elegant notes of mint and star anise flavours. It has a bright acidity, polished tannins and a long, fine finish.