



VILLA DONORATICO 2015

BOLGHERI DOC ROSSO

To describe a wine, it is necessary to find out about its origin – the landscape, the place, the environment from which it is born: this is the only way to fully understand its nature.

Villa Donoratico is a decidedly consistent and complex wine that reveals deep bond with the territory.

COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Cabernet Franc 30% Merlot 20%
Petit Verdot 10%

VINIFICATION

Grapes are harvested manually and selected on the sorting table; whole and intact grapes fall into the tanks thanks to the force of gravity.

All varieties are vinified separately; fermentation and maceration took place in stainless steel tanks for roughly 20-25 days at a controlled temperature that never exceeded 28° C.

After undergoing malolactic fermentation, 80% of the wine aged in 500-l French and Austrian oak tonneaux while the remaining 20% in 225-l French oak barriques. The wine then refined in the bottle.

TERROIR

Altitude:	30/80 M. ASL
Vineyard exposure:	NORD-SUD
Plant density:	6000 PLANTS/HA
Yield per hectare:	70 QA/HA
Soil:	CONTINENTAL SANDS AND FLYSCH* *SEDIMENTARY ROCKS CONSISTING OF LIMESTONE, MARBLE, CLAY INTERBEDDED WITH SANDSTONES AND SILICEOUS ROCKS

CLIMATE

The winter of 2015 was not too cold, with plenty of rainfall, which however fell on only a few days. A mild spring came early, bringing temperatures within the seasonal average and weak, sporadic rainfall. The summer began on the same dry note, with particularly high average temperatures in June and July. Temperatures in August were in line with the average for the season, but abundant rainfall allowed the harvest to begin at the usual time of year. Cabernet Franc was harvested on September 18th, Cabernet Sauvignon on the 23rd.