



MASCIARELLI



# Rosato Colline Teatine 2017

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### ESTATE

Founded by Abruzzo native Gianni Masciarelli in 1981, Masciarelli and its wines have become the standard-bearer for the Abruzzo region, and an inspiration to all emerging Italian wine regions. After a summer in Champagne, Gianni Masciarelli became convinced that world-class wines could be produced in Abruzzo, and through tremendous vision and non-stop innovation, Masciarelli became one of the most admired wineries in Italy.

### WINE

Abruzzo and the Montepulciano grape are famous for making arguably the finest rose in Italy, from one of the only appellations in Italy dedicated completely to rose; Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo. This Rosato is the little sister - a fresh and totally delightful expression.

### VINEYARD

In a span of only 30 miles between the Apennine Mountains and the Adriatic Sea, Masciarelli has carefully assembled 60 specific sites averaging just 5 acres and spread across the diverse soils and altitudes of the 4 provinces of Abruzzo.

*Location:* Around Chieti which is located in the municipalites of San Martino sulla Marrucina, 1,433 feet, Ripa Teatina 820 feet, Colonnella 524 feet..

*Soils:* Limestone and Clay.

*Yields:* 100 % Estate and handpicked. Masciarelli was pivotal in introducing high density and low yields to Abruzzo.

*Farming:* These vineyards are farmed sustainably planted in traditional Abruzzo Pergola method.

*Grape Varieties:* 100% Montepulciano d'Abruzzo.

### WINEMAKING

*Fermentation:* Grapes are destemmed, and pressed softly, followed by cold fermentation in stainless steel.

*Aging:* Rest in stainless before bottling, to preserve freshness.

*Alcohol:* 12%

### VINTAGE

The second smallest vintage in Italy since the 1940's, in some regions 30% lower than normal. Dry and warm winter, but a record snowfall in Abruzzo. Early bud break again and then frost. A little rain in spring but mostly characterized by warm spring and summer. Harvest was warm and grapes bunches were small as well as berries. Clemency; a little rain and cooler temps for harvest. In the end, healthy grapes with aromatic whites and reds more structured.

### TASTING NOTE

Fresh and lively yet full of fruit and flowers, a perfectly balanced rosé that is seamless, energetic and interesting.