



MASCIARELLI



Marina Cvetic ISKRA 2015

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Colline Teramane DOCG

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

ISKRA is the Serbian word for "spark," and Gianni Masciarelli dedicated this wine to his wife, Marina Cvetic, who is from Serbia. It is among the Marina Cvetic line of wines, which Gianni created for his wife. Made from a single-vineyard cru of Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, ISKRA is a wine of extraordinary distinction and depth.

VINEYARD

The vines are located in the province of Teramo at an altitude of approximately 2,400 feet above sea level.

Vine Training: Spurred cordon

Yields: 90 quintals per hectare

Alcohol: 14.5%

Farming: Sustainable

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: 15–20 days in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks.

Aging: 12 months in French barriques and 24 months in bottle.

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VINOUS MEDIA

"Inky ruby. Bright flinty, smoky notes complement the dark, spicy plum aromas and flavors. Herbal nuances add a complicating touch on the long finish. Plenty of oak here, but it's well integrated. The flinty nuances and the tannic backbone are very typical of Montepulciano wines from the Colline Teramane, an area not exactly known for graceful wines, but this one is just that."