



# PETROLO

Perched among the hillsides of Bocine in the Val d'Arno di Sopra appellation, the Petrolo Villa (pictured) was established in the early 1700s.

## Bòggina A 2017 Val d'Arno di Spora DOC

### ESTATE

Petrolo is the definition of a cult winery, with an owner and a story that have helped create its legendary status. Though virtually unknown even in the wine world, the Valdarno di Sopra denomination dates back to the days of the Medici family during the Renaissance, and the area has always been renowned for the winemaking potential of the tiny area of Tuscany near Chianti in which it is located. In the last fifteen years, Petrolo has established itself as one of Tuscany's, and Italy's, great wineries and is renowned above all for producing wines with a distinct regional identity

### WINE

Bòggina "A" is made in amphora as a historical testament to Tuscany; terracotta has always played a key role in the region. Since the early Etruscan period, the art of creating and using vases of terracotta has evolved over the centuries in the small village of Impruneta near the Petrolo estate. The Etruscan connection to the Petrolo estate runs deep, as the Petrolo hill was an Etruscan settlement and fortification.

### VINEYARD

**Soils:** Mostly loam soil, with variable rocky stratifications of schist, marl and sandstone.  
**Farming:** EU Organic Certification since 2016. Natural/sustainable farming since 2004. Dry farming, no tillage, total grassing with mulch management, no use of synthetic pesticides or fertilizers.

### WINEMAKING

**Altitude:** 820ft-1640ft above sea level.  
**Variety:** 100% Sangiovese  
**Fermentation:** In amphorae for no longer than 2 weeks. Limited use of sulfites, open air maceration and cap plunging. The amphorae are then sealed, with the skins still inside, using stainless steel lids.  
**Aging:** The skins are left in the amphore until April, then removed. The wine continues to age in amphorae for an additional 6-8 months.  
**Alcohol:** 13.5%



Petrolo, viticoltori in Vald'Arno di Sopra, disce-  
leziana, ermetico-ficiana, leonardesca neo-platon  
che la terra stessa è Dio e che tutto è fertile, si  
per tramite del suo elemento di-vino ed è in tut  
a costru-  
tose che è  
balzando  
velazione  
sa a tratti  
per noi il  
passato. E  
natura in  
la natura al  
a in un sogno. Il vino è la natura sognata dall'uo  
natura trasfigurata, che solo nel momento in c  
mente desiderio e nostalgia. Tutta la natura è

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*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

"A very spicy and sassy expression of amphorae-aged Sangiovese. There are elements of crushed white pepper and cardamom that create sharp accents against the relative richness and darkness of the fruit at its core.." - RP

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