



TENUTA LUCE

(Pictured) The unique cellar of Tenuta Luce was constructed within a hillside subterranean level, preserving the estate's centuries-old farmhouses above.



Tenuta Luce “Luce” 2017

Tuscany, Italy

ESTATE

Today, Luce goes so much further than was originally envisioned when started as a project over 20 years ago. The estate now has some of the most exceptional vineyards in Montalcino and, as of 2018, a state of the art winery to nurture every step of the winemaking process. The original vision, however, remains the same: to produce a bold and ambitious Super Tuscan that reflects the culture of Montalcino.

WINE

Luce is a singular and irresistible expression of Montalcino, a Super Tuscan with an exotic and some would say decadent side. The spectacular estate's diversity of soils, expositions and biodiversity of olive groves and forests come together in a wine as vibrant and exciting as a landscape.

VINEYARD

Soils: Higher elevation planting have sandstone and limestone, and are ideal for Sangiovese. Clay in the lower altitude vineyards is perfect for the powerful expression of Merlot.

Grape Varieties: 50% Sangiovese and 50% Merlot.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: 12 days in stainless steel, additional 28 days of skin maceration

Aging: 24 months in hand-split oak barriques (85% new)

Alcohol: 14.65%

VINTAGE

In 2017, a crisp spring was followed by a warm, sunny and dry summer with bright cloudless skies. The clayey soils of the Merlot vineyards provided the plants with adequate water reserves, which helped reduce any heat-related stresses. Rain showers in mid-September supported a perfect ripening of the grapes.

Decanter

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"March 19th 2020 was the 25th anniversary of Luce, a relatively young project founded by the Mondavi and Frescobaldi families in Montalcino. Despite the obvious cancellation of the event, the 2017 vintage celebrates this birthday properly. Luce is one of the few Super Tuscan of Montalcino. Compared to Brunello it is blended with Merlot adding suppleness and focused on new oak ageing. Deep crimson in colour, full of clove, vanilla and buttery aromas, than brights for black cherry and plummy notes, graphite and cherry flavour, with an earthy mineral finish. Grainy velvety tannins (impressive for 2017 vintage) and firm acidity are well supported by incredibly rich fruit concentration and suppleness. A wine drinkable now with potential for ageing." - AF, 5/2020