

LE MACCHIOLE

Le Macchiole has farmed their vineyards organically since 2002. Hand-harvesting and manual sorting are the norm here, a testament to the estate's steadfast dedication to quality. [Pictured: Le Macchiole's Vignone vineyard in Bolgheri]



Scrio 2017

Bolgheri DOC, Italy

ESTATE

Le Macchiole can best be defined as the "Boutique Bolgheri." The winery is known for its spectacular single-varietal wines — Syrah, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc farmed with the utmost attention to each bottling's "expression of the land." The winery continues to evolve in both the vineyards and in the cellar to allow the soil characteristics from this estate property to be the defining identity in the wines.

WINE

Le Macchiole founder Eugenio Campolmi first created Scrio in 1994 to produce a wine that was the ultimate expression of Syrah, his favorite grape variety. Scrio has an original personality and stands apart from Syrah grown anywhere else in the world — it is an extraordinarily compelling combination of deep and velvety Mediterranean fruit with cool climate aromatics and detail. Given the extremely limited production, Scrio is decidedly a hidden gem. "Scrio" is a Tuscan word that translates to pure, genuine, and honest. It is usually used to refer to people who are pure of heart.

VINEYARD

Sourced from two vineyards, Puntone and Madonna, from extremely restricted yields due to low vigor plants and green harvesting. Vines are trained on double cordon spurs and guyot.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Syrah

Fermentation: 20 day maceration, stainless steel

Aging: 13 months in oak tonneaux

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

2017 was definitely a dry year, with little rainfall and very low humidity levels. Spring brought above-normal temperatures, leading to a fast budbreak and growth until temperatures dropped slightly in April. Temperatures rose again over the following months and remained steady throughout the whole pre-harvest period. Harvesting was performed ahead of schedule, as compared with the previous year, giving nonetheless surprising results in terms of freshness and elegance.

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

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"A pure expression of Syrah that shows more similarities to the variety when grown in France than it does California, Australia or even the rest of Tuscany for that matter. Instead of the peppery charred meat or barbecued aromas you often get in New World Syrah, this wine points to blackberry, some black olive, rum cake, crème de cassis or chocolate-covered cherries. Although the wine is varietally pure, it doesn't really scream Syrah in any sort of obvious or banal manner. The tannins are more gripping in this hot vintage, and the wine spreads over the palate with a creamy, almost waxy texture that is enduring and deep." - M.L., 10/2020

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