

# 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]



## Bolgheri Rosso 2022

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

The Bolgheri Rosso is a refined, irresistible blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah, serving as an introduction to the estate. The wine is, frankly, almost too good at the price. All the intensive artisanal work that Le Macchiole carries out in its vineyards and cellars benefits this wine, and despite more availability than its Paleo Rosso, Messorio and Scrio siblings, it sells out just as quickly.

### VINEYARD

Bolgheri Rosso is sourced from four of the estate's five vineyards: Puntone, Vignone, Casa Nuova, I Sommi.

### WINEMAKING

*Variety:* 50% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Syrah

*Fermentation:* 15 days in concrete/stainless steel

*Aging:* 10 months, 70% barrique (2nd or 3rd use), 30% concrete

*Alcohol:* 14%

### VINTAGE

Winter began with slightly higher temperatures and little rain. Spring was slightly delayed, but summer accelerated due to a rapid rise in temperatures. The rainfall during mid-August concluded a challenging vintage, but led ultimately to excellent ripening and good yields.

### TASTING NOTES

Intense fresh fruity notes on the nose and a slimmer texture, with firm yet very gentle tannins and an acid backbone that brings an amazing balance to the wine.