

"When we talk about a 'cult wine' that's worth the hype, Le Macchiole immediately comes to mind. They were trailblazers in Bolgheri by focusing on single-varietal bottlings of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Syrah. This became a coveted producer, and although there is so much hype, it is authentic. They have an unwavering connection to origin and show how international grapes can express a sense of place in Italy." —Amy Racine, beverage director and partner, JF Restaurants