

## Tolaini

### *Picconero Tenuta Montebello Toscana IGT 2019*



The goal of Pier Luigi Tolaini was to produce a great wine without compromise in the style of the distinguished Bordeaux Châteaux. Picconero is produced only in the best vintages. The name Picconero comes from Picco which is the Italian word for "peak" and nero, the Italian word for black, which Italians use historically to refer to red wine.

**Vinification:** Grapes are first selected during harvest in the vineyard and then by an optical sorter when they arrive at the winery; they are destemmed and the whole berries are immediately placed in French oak fermenters. Fermentation is temperature-controlled, and the must is kept in contact with the skins for 30 days. The wine is put in 100% new, open top French barriques where we perform soft manual punch down.

**Maturation:** The wine ages in 100% new French barriques for 18 months, of which 6 months are on the fine lees. The wine is then bottled and rests another 12 months before shipping.

**Grape varieties :** 100% Merlot

**Altitude :** 320-380m ASL

**Exposure :** West/Southwest

**Soil :** Lime and clay, with a considerable presence of gravel-sized stones

**Alcohol :** 14%

**Tasting notes :**

Rich, concentrated and muscular, yet wonderfully balanced with big tannins and deep tiers of cherry, plums and wild berries, and nuances of spice, vanilla and licorice. A long flavorful aftertaste echoes with juicy fruit and mouthwatering tannins for minutes afterwards. Sensual and young, this wine promises a long life in the bottle.



### Press Notes

#### The Wine Advocate

2019, 2018, 2015	95 points
2016	96 points
2011, 2009	93 points
2010, 2014	94 points

#### Wine Spectator

2019, 2016, 2014	92 points
2018, 2006	94 points
2015, 2011	93 points

#### James Suckling

2019, 2016, 2018	96 points
2015, 2011	95 points
2010, 2008	93 points
	94 points

#### AG Vinous

2019, 2016, 2012, 2010, 2018	92 points
2011, 2007	93+ points
	93 points

#### Wine Enthusiast

2018	93 points
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#### Gambero Rosso

2010, 2009	
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