

## Tolaini

### *Picconero Tenuta Montebello Toscana IGT*



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 used several decades ago to refer to red wine.

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: 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 the team performs soft manual punch down.

Aging: The wine then 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

**Vineyard age :** Planted in the spring of 2000

**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

#### Robert Parker Wine Advocate

2020, 2014, 2010	94 points
2019, 2018, 2015	95 points
2016	96 points
2011, 2009	93 points

#### Wine Spectator

2020, 2018, 2006	94 points
2019, 2016, 2014	92 points
2015, 2011	93 points

#### James Suckling

2020, 2018	95 points
2019, 2016	96 points
2015, 2011	93 points
2010, 2008	94 points

#### AG Vinous

2020, 2011, 2007	93 points
2019, 2016, 2012, 2010	92 points
2018	93+ points

#### Wine Enthusiast

2019	92 points
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2018

93 points

Gambero Rosso

2010, 2009

