

TENIMENTI RICCI

Tuscany



Products

Brunello di Montalcino DCG

Rosso Toscana IGT 'Ricciolo'

The Tenimenti Ricci estate (also known as 'Capanne Ricci') is one of the Brunello area's oldest and most traditional farms. The property has been in the Ricci family since the 1800s when Grandfather Ricci was making wine and selling it in bulk or demijohns. The estate was leased out to tenants until the current owners, siblings Ida and Ferruccio Ricci, inherited it in the early 1990s. They set out to restore the family tradition by making wine and selling it with the family name. The first vintage was the splendid 1997 vintage. Notwithstanding its ancient pedigree, the estate is modern and youthful but always faithful to the Montalcino tradition. Tenimenti Ricci is a boutique producer with approx. 60,000 bottles produced annually. The wines are aged in the traditional style, in large oak barrels. The estate comprises about 20HA of vineyards on a downward slope from 450 to 250 meters above sea level, facing southeast. 11HA at the higher elevations are planted to Sangiovese and reserved for Brunello di Montalcino, 2.5HA for Rosso di Montalcino production and the remaining 7HA are used for the IGT wine. The microclimate here is milder than central and northern Montalcino. Here, vineyards are sheltered from the cold northern winds and benefit from the warm air stream from the Maremma thanks to the nearby Monte Amiata. Evening breezes make their way up the Orcia River valley from the sea to provide good diurnal range, allowing the fruit to retain acidity and freshness. The soil is rich in stones called galestro that are very crumbly and flake easily under the action of rain and sun, thus releasing many minerals as nourishment. A sedimentary soil, the galestro drains well, avoiding water stagnation at the plant root level while retaining sufficient moisture for the vines and their grapes. Sustainable farming practices are used in the vineyards. ? ?

Owner : Ferruccio and Ida Ricci

Winemaker : Gabriella Tani

Total acres planted : 29 acres (12 hectares)

Varietals planted :
Sangiovese

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