

HB Wine Merchants presents wines from: **Renzo Masi**



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Fattoria di Basciano I PINI

IGT Colli della Toscana Centrale



Brand Highlights

- Third generation wine-making family
- 33% Syrah, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, & 33% Merlot
- All estate fruit

The Estate

Fattoria di Basciano is the estate owned by the Masi family since the beginning of the 1900s. It is located right in the heart of the Chianti Rufina area, on the top of a hill overlooking the Argomena valley on one side, and the right bank of the Sieve river on the other. The vineyards are at an elevation of 300 meters above sea level, lying on a very stony soil, locally known as “Galestro”. The microclimate is ideal for the ripening of the grapes. It is dry and breezy, marked by scarcity of rain and a remarkable range of night and day temperatures in summertime. The extension of the property is of 70 Ha, divided in 30 Ha of vineyard, 20 Ha of olive trees, and 20 Ha of forest. In the last fifteen years the ownership has been engaged in a program of research for the highest quality. These efforts lead them to invest consistently, by planting new vineyards and building a new winery for the vinification and the ageing in-barrel of the wine.

Wine Making

After several years of testing the growing of non-traditional grape varieties, and then experimenting with new blends, a new wine was born in 2003. Equal quantities of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah are used to allow for the best expression of the terroir at Fattoria di Basciano. Each of the three varieties are fermented separately using the same techniques, about 25 days of skin contact during fermentation. The blend is then made and the wines are aged in French oak for 14 months in half new and one year old barrels. After an additional 6 months of refinement in bottle, the wine is released.

Tasting Notes

This wine is dark and inky with a ruby red rim. It is quite aromatic with blackberry, plum and well integrated hints of vanilla. On the palate it is ripe and full with silky tannins and a long, lingering finish. Elements of mocha, spice and herbs are subtle but present.

Press

- ◆ 2016 Vintage **92 Points**—James Suckling
- ◆ 2015 Vintage **91 Points**—Wine Spectator
- ◆ 2014 Vintage **92 Points**—James Suckling
- ◆ 2014 Vintage **90 Points**—Wine Spectator
- ◆ 2013 Vintage **94 Points**—Wine Spectator

Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL w/Natural Cork
- UPC: 8 75734 00382 1
- SCC:
- Case (in.): 10.25 x 13.75 x 12.1