

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



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## Renzo Masi Contrappasso

IGT Tuscany



### Brand Highlights

- Third generation wine-making family
- Small artisanal production of authentic Tuscan wines
- Smooth, Rich and Round; Syrah and Sangiovese blend (50/50)

### The Estate

The Masi family has been making wine for three generations. Currently, Paolo Masi carries out the family's philosophy to produce excellent quality/price related wines. Paolo emphasizes the long-term relationship of cooperation with each grower. He consults with them in the vineyard to obtain the highest quality and will pay higher prices for lower yields in the interest of better wine. "To obtain this year after year we have searched for and selected the producers who can guarantee a constant high-standard quality level, and we have created a long-term relationship of cooperation, including our consultation on how to manage the vineyard, with the aim of reaching the highest quality."

### Wine Making

The "con Governo" category is very old and refers to a Tuscan winemaking method where the grapes are harvested at the peak of ripeness and hung on a rack to dry. The clusters dehydrate and concentrate the flavor and grape sugars and are then pressed, given extended skin contact, and fermented in stainless vats. This method is used on the Syrah grapes which comprise 50% of the blend. The other 50% is Sangiovese made in the normal way. Each component is vinified separately and then blended prior to bottling.

### Tasting Notes

The wine has rich, dark-fruit notes of blackberry and raspberry. The palate is full and smooth with good structure and a velvety finish. It has a touch of minerals that smell like wet stones with a pleasant, round, and slightly sweet finish that hints at a ripe blueberry pie filling.

### Press

- ◆ 2017 Vintage **90 Points**—James Suckling

### Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL w/Natural Cork
- UPC: 8 75734 00362 3
- SCC:
- Case (in.): 9.5 x 12.4 x 12