



2011 Picconero

Price: \$124.95 + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee

Varietal: Merlot, Cabernet Franc

Brand: Tolaini

LCBO Product #: 364991

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Region: Tuscany, Italy

Category: Regular Consignment

Bottles Per Case: 6

Bottle Size: 750ml

Availability

Availability in consignment

Background

Pierluigi Tolaini, a native of Tuscany, immigrated to Canada and enjoyed over 45 years of success in America as an entrepreneur. He returned to his native land in 1998 and purchased 90 hectares of the best land available in the Chianti Classico region of Castelnuovo Berardenga. He constructed, from the roots up, this state-of-the-art winery with the intention of bringing the best technology and winemakers together to bring to light wines that would be a modern expression of this significant region. Pierluigi hired famed enologist Michel Rolland who together with his team have a vested interest in making the best wines by implementing modern winemaking techniques with a vitally unique ingredient: Tuscan terroir.

Tasting Notes

This is a rich, complex and muscular, yet balanced wine with deep tiers of cherry, plums and wild berries, and nuances of spice and currants. Picconero is a cellar-worthy wine. RP 93, WS 93

"A blend of 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc, the 2011 Picconero Tenuta Montebello is a distinguished and important wine. I've been noticing how well Cabernet Franc performs at this Tuscan estate. You get a good sense of this here (and especially in this vintage). The wine opens to an inky black appearance as you would expect, with fragrant aromas of dried blackberry and candied cherry. Warmer aromas of allspice and sweet clove add more consistency and weight to the overall package. These various attributes find terrific harmony." Robert Parker 93 points.

