

TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

ARCANUM DI ARCANUM, IGT TOSCANA, 2009

BACKGROUND

THE INSPIRATION FOR THE ARCANUM LABEL COMES FROM AN ANCIENT STATUE LOCATED ON THE ESTATE. IL FAUNO, THE MYTHOLOGICAL ROMAN GOD OF NATURE, THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE WOODS, WATCHES OVER THE ESTATE AND ACTS AS ITS PROTECTOR.

THE STATUE IS REPRESENTED BOTH ON THE ARCANUM LABEL AND IN THE NAME OF ITS SECOND WINE, IL FAUNO DI ARCANUM. VALADORNA IS NAMED NOT ONLY FOR THE VINEYARD FROM WHICH THE MERLOT IS SOURCED, BUT ALSO FOR THE HOUSE ON THE ESTATE THAT BEARS ITS NAME.

OUR ESTATE IS FOUND WITHIN THE COMMUNE OF CASTELNUOVO BERARDENGA, IN THE PROVINCE OF SIENA, TUSCANY. BORDERED BY THE ANCIENT WALLED TOWN OF SAN GUSMÉ, IT LIES IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE CHIANTI CLASSICO REGION. THE JACKSON FAMILY PURCHASED THE SPRAWLING TENUTA DI ARCENO ESTATE IN 1994.

THE ESTATE TOTALS 2,500 ACRES, OF WHICH ONLY 223 ARE PLANTED TO VINE. CABERNET FRANC HAS PROVEN TO BE THE VARIETY BEST SUITED TO THE ESTATE'S DIVERSE SOILS AND TOPOGRAPHY.

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SHOWCASING A DEEP, BRILLIANT BLACK CHERRY COLOUR, THE 2009 ARCANUM IS TRULY A SUPERB WINE. ON THE NOSE, ELEGANT AROMAS OF SPICE AND VANILLA LEAD TO AN INTENSITY THAT IS REMARKABLE FOR SUCH A YOUNG WINE. ON THE PALATE, THE WINE REVEALS FLAVOURS OF WHITE PEPPER, NUTMEG AND ORANGE PEEL THAT MELD TOGETHER SEAMLESSLY TO CREATE A BALANCED WINE WITH REFINED TANNINS AND A LONG, LINGERING FINISH. LED BY CABERNET FRANC, THIS WINE DEMONSTRATES WHAT CABERNET-FRANC-BASED BLENDS CAN ACHIEVE IN THE TUSCAN HILLS.

REVIEWS

94 POINTS. BRUCE SANDERSON (WINE SPECTATOR MAGAZINE):

"DENSE AND POWERFUL, THIS RED LAYERS RIPE BLACK CURRANT, CHERRY, CHOCOLATE, PRUNE AND SPICE FLAVORS OVER FIRM, ASSERTIVE TANNINS. THIS IS STARTING TO HIT ITS STRIDE, BUT NEEDS FOOD TO MATCH THE TANNINS. CABERNET FRANC, MERLOT AND CABERNET SAUVIGNON. DRINK NOW THROUGH 2018."



VINTAGE: 2009

WINERY: ARCANUM ([HTTP://WWW.ARCANUMWINE.COM/](http://www.arcanumwine.com/))

REGION: TUSCANY

AVAILABILITY: COMING SOON TO CONSIGNMENT

CASE QUANTITY: 6 BOTTLES PER CASE

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: CABERNET FRANC (77%), MERLOT (17%) AND CABERNET SAUVIGNON (6%)



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