

TASTING NOTES



DONNA LAURA BRAMOSIA CHIANTI CLASSICO, 2014

BACKGROUND

DONNA LAURA WINERY SPECIALIZES IN PRODUCING THREE RED WINES FROM FIRST-CLASS SANGIOVESE GRAPES GROWN IN THE CHIANTI CLASSICO REGION. THIS VENTURE, SPEARHEADED BY OWNER LIA TOLAINI-BANVILLE, SEEKS TO FULFILL A NEED IN THE AMERICAN MARKET FOR HIGH-QUALITY SANGIOVESE WINES AT AN ACCESSIBLE PRICE POINT THAT ARE BOTH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TERROIR OF THE REGION, AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL IN STYLE. TO COMBINE THE BEST OF TRADITION AND MODERN CHARACTERISTICS, TWO SANGIOVESE CLONES ARE GROWN IN THE DONNA LAURA VINEYARDS. CH-20 BRINGS STRUCTURE, WHILE F9, A MORE MODERN CLONE, AUGMENTS THE FRUIT INTENSITY OF THE FINISHED WINE. HIGH DENSITY VINE PLANTING AND LOW YIELDS HELP TO FURTHER ACHIEVE IDEAL LEVELS OF FRUIT CONCENTRATION. THIS BALANCE OF OLD AND NEW CHARACTER INITIATED IN THE VINEYARD, IN COOPERATION WITH MODERN WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES, MAKES THESE THREE RED WINES: ALI, ALTEO AND BRAMOSIA DELICIOUS TO DRINK ON THEIR OWN, OR EQUALLY PLEASING WITH A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT FOODS. DONNA LAURA'S WINE IS OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY AND THE BEST VALUE FROM THIS REGION.

WINEMAKING

SELECTED FROM THE BEST GRAPES IN DONNA LAURA'S VINEYARDS, BRAMOSIA UNDERGOES A TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED FERMENTATION WITH FREQUENT REMONTAGE. 30% OF THE WINE IS AGED IN NEW OAK BARRIQUES FOR 12 MONTHS AND 70% IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS. 15% MERLOT IS ADDED TO THE BLEND BEFORE BOTTLING. BRAMOSIA MEANS "DESIRE" IN ITALIAN AND AS ARTIST RIK OLSEN HAS ILLUSTRATED ON THE LABEL, THE UNDERLYING THEME HERE IS ROMANCE. BACCHUS AND VENUS MAKE GREAT COMPANY, BUT THE MAGIC BEGINS ONLY WHEN CUPID STRIKES. HE IS THE FUNDAMENTAL INGREDIENT IN ANY ROMANCE, JUST LIKE SANGIOVESE IS THE KEY COMPONENT IN CHIANTI CLASSICO.

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WITH A DEEP RUBY COLOUR AND INTENSE AROMAS OF CHERRY AND RED FRUIT, THIS CHIANTI CLASSICO BALANCES RIPE FRUIT AND BALANCED ACIDITY WITH WELL INTEGRATED ACCENTS OF WOOD AND SPICE. A GREAT MATCH WITH ROASTED MEATS AND FLAVOURFUL PASTAS, THIS WINE IS ALSO DELICIOUS TO SIP ON ITS OWN WITHOUT FOOD



VINTAGE: 2014

WINERY: DONNA LAURA ([HTTP://WWW.DONNALAURAWINES.COM/](http://www.donnalaurawines.com/))

REGION: TUSCANY

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE NOW IN CONSIGNMENT

CASE QUANTITY: 12 BOTTLES PER CASE

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: SANGIOVESE (85%) AND MERLOT (15%)