

TASTING NOTES



ARCANUM IL FAUNO, IGT TOSCANA, 2012

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 ARCEÑO 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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ONE OF THE MORE COMPLEX AND ELEGANT IN MANY VINTAGES, THE 2012 IL FAUNO PRESENTS FLORAL AROMAS OF FRESH CUT ROSES, AND BEAUTIFULLY RIPE STRAWBERRIES. ON THE PALATE SOFT, VELVETY, STRUCTURED TANNINS MAKE WAY FOR RICH PLUM AND CANDIED CHERRIES WITH NUTMEG AND BLACK LIQUORICE UNDERTONES. A VIBRANT ACIDITY PROLONGS THE FINISH WITH LINGERING NOTES OF SWEET CEDAR AND TOBACCO.

REVIEWS

93 POINTS. BRUCE SANDERSON (WINE SPECTATOR MAGAZINE):

"A POLISHED, FLAVORFUL RED, BOASTING FLORAL, BLACK CURRANT, RASPBERRY AND SPICE FLAVOURS. FIRM YET HARMONIOUS, WITH THE FINE AFTERTASTE LINGERING WITH FRUIT, IRON, TOBACCO AND TEA ELEMENTS. MERLOT, CABERNET FRANC, CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND PETIT VERDOT. DRINK NOW THROUGH 2024."

92 POINTS. JAMES SUCKLING (JAMES SUCKLING.COM):

"AROMAS OF BLUEBERRIES WITH BLANCHED ALMONDS FOLLOW THROUGH TO A MEDIUM BODY, FIRM TANNINS AND A FRESH FINISH. BETTER IN 2018 BUT ALREADY DELICIOUS. A BLEND OF MERLOT CABERNET FRANC, CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND PETIT VERDOT."



VINTAGE: 2012

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

REGION: TUSCANY

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE NOW IN CONSIGNMENT

CASE QUANTITY: 12 BOTTLES PER CASE

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: MERLOT, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CABERNET FRANC AND SANGIOVESE