

## BIBI GRAETZ LE CICALI DI VINCIGLIATA CHIANTI, 2015

### BACKGROUND

CONSIDERED ONE OF ITALY'S MOST INGENUOUS WINEMAKERS, BIBI GRAETZ HAS RISEN FROM ARTIST TO CULT WINEMAKER SINCE THE RELEASE OF HIS FIRST WINES BACK IN 2000.

WITHOUT ANY FORMAL TRAINING AND WITH INITIALLY ONLY A SMALL 2 HECTARE VINEYARD ON HIS PARENTS' PROPERTY OVERLOOKING FLORENCE, HE HAS MANAGED TO UNCEREMONIOUSLY GATECRASH THE STAID TUSCAN WINE SCENE AND, IN TESTAMATTA, CREATE ONE OF ITALY'S GREAT CULT WINES.

BORN AND RAISED IN ITALY, BIBI MAKES HIS WINE IN HIS FAMILY HOME, CASTELLO DI VINCIGLIATA, A CASTLE IN FIESOLE. THE LACK OF A TRADITIONAL TUSCAN ESTATE HAS FREED HIM TO SEARCH OUT PARCELS OF OLD VINES AROUND TUSCANY- AND EVEN THE ISOLA DI GIGLIO - WHICH ARE THE BASIS FOR HIS CONCENTRATED, YET ELEGANT WINES.

NOW RATED IN THE TOP 12 COLLECTABLE TUSCAN PRODUCERS, BIBI'S WINES HAVE GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH OVER THE PAST DECADE. USING ORGANIC CULTIVATION METHODS AND RESISTING THE TREND OF PLANTING CABERNET AND MERLOT, THESE WINES ARE THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF INDIGENOUS GRAPE VARIETIES.

### TASTING NOTES

A COMPLEX, SAVOURY WINE BUILT ON A BED OF MINERALITY AND FIRM TANNINS. UPON THAT BASE, BALANCING NOTES OF DRIED CHERRIES, RED AND BLACK BERRIES, CIGAR BOX, SPICE, FLINT AND GRAPHITE. AN OUTSTANDING CHIANTI.



**VINTAGE:** 2015

**WINERY:** BIBI GRAETZ ([HTTP://WWW.BIBIGRAETZ.COM/](http://www.bibigraetz.com/))

**REGION:** TUSCANY

**AVAILABILITY:** AVAILABLE NOW IN CONSIGNMENT

**CASE QUANTITY:** 12 BOTTLES PER CASE

**BOTTLE SIZE:** 750 ML

**COMPOSITION:** -