

BIBI GRAETZ TESTAMATTA IGT TOSCANO ROSSO, 2013

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.

REVIEWS

93+ POINTS, MONICA LARNER (ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE):

"BIBI GRAETZ APPLIES HIS UNIQUE WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY TO A CAN-DO-NO-WRONG VINTAGE. THE 2013 TESTAMATTA (100% SANGIOVESE) OPENS TO A DEEP AND DARK RUBY COLOR AND SMOKY AROMAS OF CIGAR ASH, CRUSHED STONE, LICORICE, GRILLED HERB AND DRIED CASSIS. MAKE NO MISTAKE: THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST ORIGINAL AND OFF-THE-RADAR EXPRESSIONS OF SANGIOVESE YOU WILL EVER TASTE. THERE IS MANAGED RUSTICITY HERE THAT MATCHES THE IMPERFECTION AND THE UNDENIABLE BEAUTY OF THE ARTWORK THAT GRACES ITS LABEL. THOSE BRIGHT BLUE AND YELLOW BRUSH STROKES OFFER MAJOR CONTRAST, YET TOGETHER THEY REACH HARMONY. THAT SEEMS TO BE THE OVERRIDING MESSAGE OF THIS WINE THAT IS OTHERWISE LOADED WITH PERSONALITY AND CHARM."



VINTAGE: 2013

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

REGION: TUSCANY

AVAILABILITY: COMING SOON TO CLASSICS

LCBO NUMBER: 141945

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: -