

VILLA SALETTA

Saletta Giulia 2016

VILLA SALETTA IS A 1,760-ACRE ESTATE LOCATED IN THE HEART OF TUSCANY. ✦ ITS STORY SPANS CENTURIES, WITH THE FIRST WRITTEN ACCOUNT OF WINEMAKING DATING BACK TO 980AD. ✦

In 2000, Guy and Julia Hands purchased the estate and began restoring its productive vitality, starting with the regrowth of the 31 hectares of vineyards in 2002. This includes Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Sangiovese grape varieties.

Under the stewardship of winemaker David Landini, this revitalization, along with the diversity of the *terroir* and an ideal climate, has allowed Villa Saletta to produce a suite of award-winning, top-quality Tuscan wines.

Information

PRODUCTION:
5000 bottles

SURFACE:
2 hectares

GRAPE VARIETIES:
40% Cabernet Sauvignon
60% Cabernet Franc

SOILS:
Fine-textured deposits of clay, marine deposits, sandstone and silt/saltier marls

AGEING:
24 months
70% new barrels
30% one-year-old barrels

Vinification

THE GRAPES FOR THE SALETTA GIULIA, THE ESTATE'S FLAGSHIP WINE, ARE METICULOUSLY HAND SELECTED AND PLACED INTO SMALL CAGES. They are then selected a second time on sorting tables before being de-stemmed and lightly pressed.

Fermentation occurs partly in new barrels using the integral fermentation and partly in small stainless-steel tanks at a controlled temperature of 82° F (26° C). The period of skin contact lasts 3 weeks, during which our soft extraction techniques help develop both structure and supple tannins.

After being run off its skins, the wine is placed into French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. The blend is aged for 24 months and then a further six months in bottle before release. This process creates a wine with intensity and complexity, plus an enormous ability to evolve.

Tasting notes

THE NOSE OPENS WITH NOTES OF SPICE AND TOASTED OAK FUSED WITH AROMAS OF BERRY FRUIT, LIQUORICE AND VIOLETS. The flavors are full and supple with a sweet aftertaste of ripe red berry fruit. This is an elegant blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc that boasts a distinct persistence and a pleasant finish, characterized by notes of dark chocolate and tobacco.

