

HB Wine Merchants presents wines from: **Renzo Masi**



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Fattoria di Basciano IL CORTO

IGT Colli della Toscana Centrale



Brand Highlights

- Third generation wine-making family
- 90% Sangiovese, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
- All estate fruit

The Estate

Fattoria di Basciano is the estate owned by the Masi family since the beginning of the 1900s. It is located right in the heart of the Chianti Rufina area, on the top of a hill overlooking the Argemenna valley on one side, and the right bank of the Sieve river on the other. The vineyards are at an elevation of 300 meters above sea level, lying on a very stony soil, locally known as “Galestro”. The microclimate is ideal for the ripening of the grapes. It is dry and breezy, marked by scarcity of rain and a remarkable range of night and day temperatures in summertime. The extension of the property is of 70 Ha, divided in 30 Ha of vineyard, 20 Ha of olive trees, and 20 Ha of forest. In the last fifteen years the ownership has been engaged in a program of research for the highest quality. These efforts lead them to invest consistently, by planting new vineyards and building a new winery for the vinification and the ageing in-barrel of the wine.

Wine Making

This is a single vineyard, or cru, that is planted on the south-eastern slope of the property, on a soil of medium consistency, rich in stone. The vineyard is comprised of 90% Sangiovese vines and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon vines. Due to the individual expression of the vineyard and exceedingly high quality, this wine is vinified as a “cru” since 1993. Therefore the grapes are harvested and vinified together. The vinification takes place with 25 days of skin contact. The wine is then aged for 14 months in new and one year-old French oak barrels, followed by at least 6 months bottle ageing prior to release.

Tasting Notes

Though ripe, boasting black cherry and black currant notes, this balanced red is graceful and juicy, with a tobacco hint. Ends with a mineral accent.

Press

- ◆ 2018 Vintage **96 Points**—Luca Maroni
- ◆ 2017 Vintage **91 Points**—Wine & Spirits (Best Buy)
- ◆ 2017 Vintage **89 Points**—Wine Spectator
- ◆ 2009 Vintage **90 Points**—Wine Spectator
- ◆ 2008 Vintage **88 Points**—Wine Spectator

Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL w/Natural Cork
- UPC: N/A
- SCC: N/A
- Case (in.): 10.25 x 13.75 x 12.1