

TUSCANY, ITALY

Il Carnasciale



OVERVIEW

First Vintage: 1988

First Vintage Exported to the U.S.: 2001

Proprietor: Bettina & Moritz Rogosky

Winemaker: Peter Schilling & Marco Maffei

The estate's principal wine, Il Caberlot, and its second wine, Carnasciale, are the only wines in the world made from a mysterious clone discovered 50 years ago in a nursery near Verona. Named Caberlot, the grape has characteristics of both Cabernet Franc and Merlot.

The top cuvee, Il Caberlot, is bottled exclusively in magnum. With a miniscule production, Il Caberlot continues to be one of the most sought-after Tuscan wines for collectors around the world.

VINEYARD INFORMATION

Vineyards: Four parcels of vines totaling 3 hA. The original site (0.3 hA) is located at 430m elevation, while three younger vineyards (0.7, 1.0 and 0.9 hA) are planted between 200m and 250m. Vine spacing is a revolutionary (for Tuscany) 10,000 vines per hectare. A new plot was planted in 2013.

Soils: The original site is iron-rich clay, while the three newer sites lie on a combination of chalky clay, sand and rock.

Zone: The estate is located at the divide between the Arno and Ambra river valleys. This crest protects Il Carnasciale from rains, making it one of the driest and best ventilated sites in Tuscany.

THE WINES

	Avg Yields	Avg Prod
Carnasciale	25-30 hL/hA	5 to 6000 0,75l bottles
		<i>Note: Carnasciale is a barrel selection of wines deemed more fruit-driven, accessible, and ready to be drunk sooner.</i>
Il Caberlot	25-30 hL/hA	3,000 magnums

ADDITIONAL WINEMAKING NOTES

All treatments in the vineyard are natural and follow the principles of organic farming. All work in the cellar is manual and minimally-invasive. Grapes are hand-picked and destemmed before undergoing a fermentation and maceration of 8-10 days. The wines are aged in barriques and fûts from Burgundy, 60% new, over a period of 22 months prior to bottling by hand. No filtration is employed. Il Caberlot matures 16 additional months in bottle before release, while Carnasciale is released after 6 months in bottle.