Tiberio

CERASUOLO D'ABRUZZO - 2021

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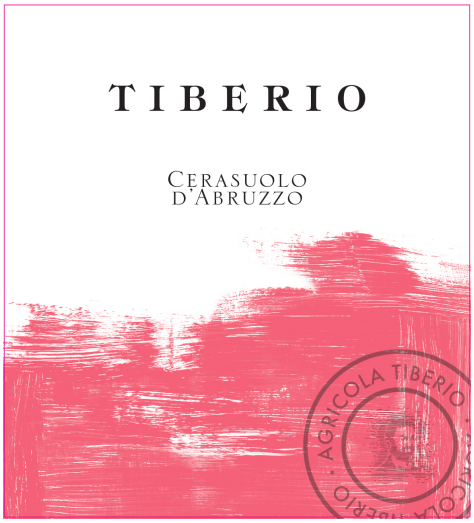

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The story of Azienda Agricola Tiberio rings more like a new world tale than one from the old world of the ancient lands beneath the Majella and Gran Sasso mountains in Abruzzo. At 1150 feet/350 meters, twenty three miles inland from the seaside city of Pescara near the hillside town of Cugnoli, Riccardo Tiberio found an old plot of Trebbiano Abruzzese vines roughly 50 years old so impressive that he decided to change his and his family's destiny. Over a decade ago, Cristiana and Antonio, daughter and son of Riccardo, took over reins of Tiberio. Cristiana, a chemistry specialist who also teaches college sommelier and enology classes, handles winemaking and is the global brand ambassador. Antonio leads grapegrowing and viticulture. The dynamic team have established Tiberio, and Abruzzo, in the forefront of leading-edge wine making and renown in this central part of Italy. Today, Tiberio farms 74 acres/30 hectares of vines.

REVIEWS

Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo – 2021

92+ Points - Vinous, May, 2022

The 2021 Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo is a deep red color, so much so that you'd be hard-pressed to call it a Rosé. Crushed raspberries mix with hints of licorice, rose petals and a spritz of sea breeze to form its alluring bouquet. This is round and pliant with a gentle inner sweetness offset by citrus-tinged acidity, as sour melon and hard red candies resonate throughout. A hint of licorice lingers under an air of lavender, as the 2021 tapers off lightly structured yet full of lively energy. Cristiana Tiberio keeps telling me that she enjoys her Cerasuolo when it's young and fresh, yet I can't help but want to know what this beauty will look like in another year or two. That said, it's stunning already today. 2022 – 2024

92 Points - Terroir Sense - Ian D'Agata, August, 2022

Bright pale red: this is the authentic colour of Cearsuolo d'Abruzzo. In Abruzzo, Valentini, Emidio Pepe and Cataldi Madonna all make similarly deeply hued Cerasuolo wines (if you want to make a pale pink wine in Abruzzo, call it a Rosato). On the nose, this boasts lively red fruit aromas (strawberry, red cherry, raspberry) complemented by a deeper note of musky herbs and a whisper of mineral dust. Juicy and focused on the palate, offering delicate red cherry, fresh citrus, forest floor and anise flavours that are at once suave and complex. Finishes fresh and brisk, and with outstanding persistence. Massal selection, old vine Montepulciano at its best here; for my money only Cataldi Madonna, Emidio Pepe and Valentini make pink wines of a similar quality level as Tiberio: to put that comment in perspective, consider that in any reputable, knowledgeable top-20 pink wine producing estates of Italy, all four of these producers would be included. 2022-2025

90 Points - Decanter, August, 2022

Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo is a style of rosé that deserves to be better appreciated outside of Italy, however it faces an uphill battle against the swathes of Provence pink. Made from Montepulciano vines averaging over 50 years of age, grown on limestone soils in the Abruzzo region, this is exclusively free-run juice vinified in stainless steel. Red and black cherry aromas and some mineral notes are followed in the mouth by a good concentration of fresh black cherry and herb. Saline and gently tannic with good acidity, this is closer to a red wine than a white wine and an excellent food rosé. 2022 – 2026

THE SORTING TABLE

17.5 Points - JancisRobinson.com, June, 2023
Intense strawberry pink. Cool, minerally raspberry and rhubarb nose. Great freshness and energy on the palate, with fine, velvety tannins that last and last. Super-animating, refreshing and complex at the same time. 2023 – 2028