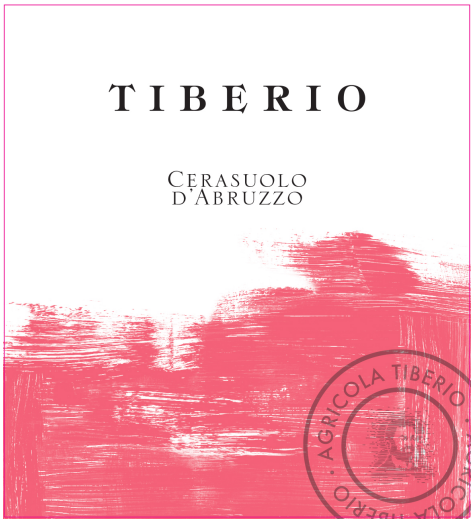
Tiberio
CERASUOLO D'ABRUZZO - 2022

REGION: ITALY - ABRUZZO



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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.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Estate vineyards in Cugnoli (PE).

- Altitude: 1150 feet/350 meters
- Exposure: South
- Total area under vine: 22.3 acres/9 ha
- Soil: Limestone
- Vine Training System: Guyot
- Planting Density: 4000 vines/ha
- Average Vine Age: 23 years
- Yield: 45 hl/ha

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested mid-September
- Destemmed, free run juice only
- Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks using only indigenous yeasts
- No malolactic fermentation
- Aged in bottle

Winemaker's Notes

Bright pinkish-red. Fresh aromas and flavors of red cherry, pomegranate and small red berries. Lovely acid-fruit balance with a bright, crisp, clean floral finish.

Technical Information

- 100% massal selection Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
- Acohol: 14%
- Total Acidity: 7.45 g/l
- pH: 3.36
- Residual Sugar: 0.45 g/l
- Extract: 23.6 g/l

REVIEWS

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95 Points - Terroir Sense - Ian D'Agata, May, 2023

Also named in Ian D'Agata's *Italian Wines of the Year 2023*, 12/15/2023

Deep pink: this is a much deeper colour than usual for this wine, almost pale red in fact. Red cherry, cranberry, almond paste and flowers on the perfumed deep nose. Nicely fleshy on the palate, with red berries and chewy herb-accented forest floor flavours that are very pure and fresh. The energetic and brisk finish showcases surprising weight and glyceral personality to the repeating red cherry and berry nuances. Maybe the best ever Cerasuolo from Tiberio: the 2022 vintage benefited from noteworthy wind currents that led the grapes to develop thicker skins, meaning more extraction and a rounder, bigger mouthfeel to the wine but without losing any of its trademark elegance. 2023 – 2026

94 Points - Vinous, May, 2023

The 2022 Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo seduces with its perfumed blend of crushed cherries and strawberries, complemented by rhubarb, violets and sweet smoke. It's racy and sleek, built on energy, with a mineral core that grips the palate. A cascade of wild berries is excited by tantalizing acidity. This finishes dramatically long, lightly structured and full of zesty tension as salty nuances combine with tart red fruits and hints of sour citrus. The 2022 takes Cerasuolo to a whole new level. This is more a red than a Rosé, and with a bouquet to match. 2024 – 2027

GENERAL INFO

Country	Italy
Region	Abruzzo
Appellation(s)	Abruzzo
Proprietors	Riccardo, Cristiana, Antonio Tiberio (father, daughter, son)
Founded	2000
Winemaker	Cristiana Tiberio
Annual Production	8,300 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable