Tiberio

FONTE CANALE TREBBIANO D' ABRUZZO – 2017

REGION: ITALY - ABRUZZO

TIBERIO

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.

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Wine	Blend	Vine Age	Soil Type	Vineyard Area ha or acres
Fonte Canale – Trebbiano d'Abruzzo	Trebbiano d'Abruzzese massal selection	Average 60 years	limestone, marly-clay, sandstone bedrock	1.5 Ha

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

- Trebbiano d'Abruzzo massal selection, propagated from original, indigenous grapes found on the property
- Total planted: 1.5 Ha
- Altitude: 350 meters
- Soils: limestone, marly-clay over sandstone-rich bedrock
- Vine training system: canopy
- Planting density: 2500 vines/Ha
- Vine age: 60 years
- Yield: 20 Hl

Harvest Notes

- Grapes hand harvested at end of September
- Free run juice only
- Fermented in stainless steel tanks using only indigenous yeasts
- No malolactic fermentation
- Bottled unfined and unfiltered
- Aged in bottle

Winemaker's Notes

Straw yellow color, tinged with green. A luminous wine, very mineral, with green apple, apricot, tangerine, lemon peel and nuances of white flowers and anise. Vibrant, precise, crystalline. Rich and tactile with a laser beam of lemony acidity. Finishes long with harmonious minerality and a flinty yet creamy texture.

Technical Information

- 100% massal selection Trebbiano d’Abruezzese grapes
- Alcohol: 12.5%

REVIEWS

Fonte Canale Trebbiano d’ Abruzzo – 2017

94 Points - Vinous - Ian D'Agata, September, 2019

Vivid pale straw-yellow. Penetrating, multifaceted nose of white peach, nectarine, minerals, chamomile and jasmine. Conveys an almost saline sense of extract in the mouth, offering steely, harmonious and high-acid flavors of white peach, minerals and anise. Steely and mineral notes linger on the long floral-accented finish. Once again, the magic of the Fonte Canale 80-year-old vines shines through in a year that saw almost seven months without rain in the Casauria subzone (where the Tiberio estate is located); the roots of these old vines dig deep and are always close to the underlying water table. The 2017 Fonte Canale strikes me as more perfumed and more open-knit than usual on the nose (especially compared to the 2016), but more lemony on the palate. 2022 – 2029

Decanter, September, 2019

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Abruzzo: Tiberio
Siblings Cristiana and Antonio Tiberio work solely with a massal selection of Abruzzo’s native grapes. ‘They represent the original genetic patrimony with distinct flavours of the region,’ says Cristiana. Her meticulous yet hands-off winemaking translates into impeccable wines, from the Cerasuolo (a dark and serious yet charming rosato) to the single-vineyard bottling **Fonte Canale**, crafted from 60-year-old Trebbiano Abruzzese vines.

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

THE SORTING TABLE