

Tiberio

FONTE CANALE TREBBIANO D'ABRUZZO - 2018

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.

GRAPES / SOILS

Wine	Blend	Vineyard Age	Soil Type	Vineyard Area ha or acres
Fonte Canale – Trebbiano d'Abruzzo	Trebbiano d'Abruzzese massal selection	90 years	limestone, marly-clay, sandstone bedrock	3707 acres / 1.5 Ha

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Trebbiano d'Abruzzo DOP vineyard in Cugnoli.

- Massal selection, propagated from original, indigenous grapes found on the property
- Planted vineyard: 1500 Ha / 3707 acres
- Altitude: 350 meters
- Soils: Limestone, marly-clay over sandstone-rich bedrock
- Vine Training System: Canopy
- Planting density: 2500 vines/Ha
- Vineyard age: 90 years
- Yield: 28 Hl

Harvest Notes

- Grapes hand harvested at end of September
- Free run juice only, 28 Hl
- Fermented in stainless steel tanks using only indigenous yeasts
- No malolactic fermentation
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered
- Aged in tank and bottle

Winemaker's Notes

A luminous wine. Straw yellow color, tinged with green. Very mineral, with green apple, apricot, tangerine, lemon peel and nuances of white flowers and anise. Vibrant, precise, crystalline. Rich and tactile mouthfeel 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'Montepulciano grapes
- Alcohol: 12.5%

REVIEWS

Fonte Canale Trebbiano d'Abruzzo – 2018

96+ Points - Terroir Sense - Ian D'Agata, March, 2021

Only one of three white wines to make this list of Italy's best wines of 2020, so you know just how seriously superb it is. Every sip of the 2018 Fonte Canale tells you that you are in the presence of greatness, as it magically combines the cooler aspects of vintages like 2013 and 2015, and the riper tropical elements of the 2014, but without losing its typical laser-like, high acid personality. The secret to this wine achieving greatness was the specific weather pattern of the 2018 vintage, that allowed for two extra weeks of hang time than usual (compared to the 2017 vintage, for example, but preceeding ones too). There is a degree of complexity that is even deeper than usual in this young and highly promising wine. I have no doubts that, much as in past vintages, you will also find that as the Fonte Canale ages it takes on remarkably Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos-like nuances (Les Clos more so than Valmur or Blanchots). Best of all, this wine embodies to fullest effect what magical results can be obtained through the combination of very old vines, the right biotype of a grape variety wrongly thought to be uninteresting, and a suitable terroir, not to mention a talented producer. If it isn't the best Fonte Canale ever made, it's darn close. Drinking window: 2024-2038.

95 Points - Vinous, April, 2021

You could lose yourself in the bouquet of the 2018 Trebbiano d'Abruzzo Fonte Canale. Lemon confit and exotic sweet florals gain further depths through notes of dried apricot, flint and crushed limestone. This enters the palate silky and pliant, yet it firms up quickly, becoming more angular, as salty acids and minerals saturate, giving way to hints of young mango and sour melon. An almondy richness resonates through the long and tension-filled finale, with tart orchard fruits lingering incredibly long. Wow. The 2018 is a wonderfully complete and harmonious vintage of Fonte Canale that will enjoy a long and open drinking window. At the time of tasting, this was transporting me to Puligny-Montrachet. 2022 – 2034

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