

# Tiberio

## PECORINO COLLINE PESCARESI IGP - 2021

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

Pecorino is an ancient variety that has always called the mountainous Appennine ridges of the Marche and Abruzzo its home. A low yielding variety due to sterility of the basal buds, over the centuries farmers shied away from it preferring instead to plant easier to grow, more productive varieties. Therefore Pecorino was all but forgotten, and nearly extinct by the 1970s. Times change and today high yields are less important than they once were: modern day wine lovers now clamor for high quality grape varieties. Capable of giving distinctive wines, and Pecorino fills that bill nicely. The grape is characterized by essentially round leaves and small round very thick skinned berries. The wine is rich in glycerol but also endowed with high total acidity, thereby offering a unique combination of texture and vibrancy. In fact, Pecorino wines have become so popular that much Pecorino has been planted recently, however the grape variety always performs best in hilly vineyard sites rather than flatland areas, which are not its natural habitat.

- Total area under vine: 3 ha/7.41 acres
- Altitude: 1250 feet/380 meters
- Soils: Limestone with marly-gravel subsoil
- Average vine age: 21 years
- Vine Training System: Guyot
- Planting Density: 4000 vines/ha
- Yield: 45 hl

#### Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested the first week of September
- Free run juice only
- Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks
- No malolactic fermentation
- Aged in bottle

#### Winemaker's Notes

Deep straw yellow. Vivid aromas of sage, rosemary, green fig, peach yellow melon. Lingering minerality accompanies the full body.

#### Technical Information

- 100% massal selection Pecorino
- Alcohol: 14%

## REVIEWS

### **Pecorino Colline Pescaresi IGP – 2021**

#### **91 Points - Vinous, October, 2022**

The 2021 Pecorino is understated in the glass yet very pretty, showing nuances of kiwi and chlorophyll, giving way to exotic florals and wet stone. Its textures are surprisingly luxurious, plush even, yet this is salty to the core with mineral-tinged green melon and hints of fresh mint. A mineral staining lingers through the finale, finishing long yet energetic and lightly structured. Wow, the 2021 is a warm and dry vintage for Pecorino that drinks with such refinement. 2022 – 2026

#### **17++ Points - JancisRobinson.com, April, 2023**

Brilliant yellow. Complex ripe peach with hints of garden herbs. Savoury minerally fruit on the palate. Gorgeous, textured pink grapefruit on the finish. 2023 – 2030

## GENERAL INFO

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| 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                                                  |