



MASCIARELLI

(Left) The 18th century Castello di Semivicoli is the awe-inspiring home to Masciarelli's tasting room and guest accommodations. Gianni Masciarelli (right) was a true pioneer of Abruzzo, producing world-class quality wines years before other winemakers in the region followed suit.



Villa Gemma Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo Superiore 2022

Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo DOC, Italy

ESTATE

Through tremendous vision and endless innovation, Masciarelli has not only become one of the most admired wineries in Italy, but is often regarded as the standard-bearer of the Abruzzo region. Founded in 1981 with only two hectares under vine, Gianni Masciarelli established rigorous quality-focused vineyard practices at a time when Abruzzo lacked direction as a wine region, taking his cues from Burgundy and Champagne and translating them to the varied terroirs of his home.

WINE

Perhaps the finest rosé production area in Italy, and one of the few appellations dedicated only to rosé, Cerasuolo has a long history of producing serious rosé, and showcasing how well the Montepulciano grape is adapted to rosé. Masciarelli first produced this wine in 1985, only 5 years after the winery was founded. With deep fruit and structure but no shortage of pleasure, it is a rosé you can take to the dinner table.

VINEYARD

Location: 8 specific vineyards, at altitudes ranging from 435 to 1,200 feet

Soils: Mostly calcareous clay and lime with alluvial sediments

Farming: Traditional pergola as well as high density spur cordon and single guyot; all hand-harvested and farmed sustainably

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Montepulciano d'Abruzzo

Fermentation: Harvested in crates, destemming, contact with skins for 24-36 hours, soft pressing and cooling controlled fermentation in stainless steel

Aging: Wine remains in stainless steel tanks until bottling in February.

Alcohol: 14%

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"More savory than sweet and quite complex, [...] an herbal-tinged blend of wild strawberries, wet stone and rose petals. It's soft-textured and juicy to the core, with zesty acidity that enlivens its sour cherry-berry fruit and mineral tones, coming across as energetic and fruit-focused. [...] The 2022 Villa Gemma is simply stunning, deep and full of character, showing the combination of the warm and dry vintage and Cerasuolo's inherent vibrancy. Well done! - E.G., 5/2023