



ARGIANO



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: André Esteves
Winemaker: Alberto Antonini
Total acreage of vine: 126 (51 Ha)
Winery Production: 350, 000 bts
Region: Toscana

NON CONFONDITUR ROSSO TOSCANO IGT

WINE DESCRIPTION

This wine's initials, NC, are often thought to refer to Noemi Cinzano, Argiano's previous longstanding owner. However, Non Confunditur is a Latin term meaning "do not be mistaken." This is the motto of the Lovatelli family, written on the family crest which appears on the label.

TASTING NOTES

Ruby red color. It reveals an exciting potency, with the innate gentles of Merlot creating a bridge between the evident earthiness of Sangiovese, the aromatic black-currant flavours of Cabernet and the warm red berries of Syrah. NC is a wine with a decisive, full-bodied character, smooth tannins and a persistent finish. A generous, rounded red wine, destined for short to medium ageing.

FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with lots of typical Tuscan courses: bruschetta, crostini with liver, medium seasoned cheese, pasta with meat sauce, grilled vegetables.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard appellation:	IGT Toscana
Vineyard size:	6 Ha
Soil composition:	Clay, schist, calcareous and limestone
Training method:	Spurred cordon
Elevation:	300 m a.s.l.
Vines/hectare:	5,500-7,000/Ha
Exposure:	South, South West
Age:	10-15 years
Harvest time:	End of September
First vintage:	2003
Production:	160,000 bottles

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Sangiovese
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks, each grape variety is fermented separately
Maceration technique:	On the skins at controlled temperature for 2 weeks
Malolactic fermentation:	Spontaneous in stainless steel tanks
Type of aging container:	2nd and 3rd passage French barriques, big Slavonian barrels and stainless steel tanks (before blending)
Length of aging before bottle:	6 months
Length of bottle aging:	3 months

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	14 %
Residual sugar:	<1.0 g/L
Acidity:	5.59 g/L
Dry extract:	32.5 g/L

