

L.N. MATTEI CAP CORSE GRANDE RÉSERVE QUINQUINA ROUGE



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The birthplace of exceptional grape varieties, the north of the island of Corsica (called Cap Corse) is still the land of prestigious vineyards today. Named after this marvelous region, Cap Corse LN Mattei is the traditional Corsican aperitif wine, famous for its incomparable bittersweet profile. Based on a mistelle of Muscat and Vermentinu. Flavored with both exotic and locally harvested plants, herbs and fruits, including Macerations of cinchona bark (quinquina or quinine) and macerations of the local citron fruit. The sweetness comes from natural grape sugars, as the musts are blended with neutral spirit to prematurely halt fermentation—no additional sugars or sweeteners are used.

Louis Napoléon Mattei was born in Ersu, Cap Corse, in 1849. At that time Cap Corse was one of the most inhabited areas on the island of Corsica. This area was the first wine region and is known for its grapes of particularly high quality. It also took over the growth of citron, a citrus fruit exported in the early nineteenth century. During travels in the Caribbean, Mattei was inspired to create a cinchona drink, to which he would give the name of his region. He started his company in 1872, while still very young. And by inventing an aperitif wine recipe based on cinchona and other meticulously proportioned ingredients, he made himself truly known. It is thanks to his business sense and his ideas worthy of a great visionary, as well as the succession provided by his nephew, François Mattei, that the name of Louis Napoléon Mattei, his brand and his products, have survived more than 100 years after his death.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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