

VILLA DI VETRICE CHIANTI RUFINA



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Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks and refined in concrete vats. After the first refinement, the wine ages in wooden barrels for six months. This elegant Chianti is then bottled 12 months after the harvest and develops a medium to full body. The wines' beautiful fruit, bright acidity, and balanced tannins are always impressive.

Long overshadowed by its sister appellation, Chianti Classico, Chianti Rufina is now emerging as the top subzone for the production of Sangiovese. As one Italian wine writer put it recently, Chianti Rufina is "Chianti in montagna" or "mountain Chianti." In other words, Chianti Rufina is the highest point in the entire Chianti appellation. Altitudes there allow winemakers to create wines with remarkable aging potential, wines that will retain their freshness for decades.

The Grati family have been growing grapes and olives in the Rufina hills for five generations. Their two estates, Vetrice and Galiga, cover an astounding 1,389 acres, of which 247 acres are under vine. Only 15 miles from Florence, the landscape is classically Tuscan, though considerably cooler than the plain. The wines are correspondingly fresh and elegant, and offer remarkable value.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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