



I BALZINI

“... Wine soft as ruffled velvet...”

Pablo Neruda

I BALZINI White Label IGP Colli della Toscana Centrale

TASTING NOTES

COLOR: A very deep and intense ruby red

AROMA: A great aromatic complexity with notes of red and black berry fruit, particularly raspberries and black cherries, well fused with spicy and vanilla notes which recall both tobacco and chocolate. With age, balsamic aromas along with sensations of truffles.

FLAVOR: Of great structure and persistence, elegant and enveloping. The texture of the tannins is quite dense, characterized as it is by a velvety suppleness. Very long on the finish with an intense and pleasurable aftertaste.

SOIL: Of Pliocene origin, sedimentary formations characterized by the presence of alternating strata of yellow sands and clay with a notable presence of marine fossils.

MICRO-CLIMATE: Warm and temperate with average to elevated precipitation, cold winters and warm to very warm summers and particularly sunny late afternoons and sunsets given the precise western exposure.

EXPOSURE: Southwestwards with a north to south orientation of the vine rows.

VINEYARD WORK: A working of the soil alternated with a cover crop along with a cordon de Royat training system. Crop thinning during the growing season and a final selection of the crop: during the hand picking, the bunches are placed in small packing cases and are selected on a belt as they are about to be pressed.

GRAPES: Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon

FERMENTATION: Two weeks of skin contact in stainless steel tanks at temperatures between 79° and 83° Fahrenheit (26°-28° centigrade); a complete malolactic fermentation.

AGING: In small, medium-toasted French oak barrels for approximately twelve months followed by at least 18 months of bottle aging before release.

SUGGESTIONS: An ideal wine for lengthy cellaring, to be served in large crystal stemware at temperatures between 61° and 65° Fahrenheit (16°-18° centigrade).

WITH FOOD: Ideal with grilled meat and roasts and with medium-aged cheese.

PARTICULAR CHARACTERISTICS: An intense and elegant wine with a well defined territorial character.

