

# Alauda

## TOSCANA

### INDICAZIONE GEOGRAFICA TIPICA

The grapes come from two Poggio Casciano Estate vineyards, near Florence. Merlot comes from Poggio al Mandorlo vineyard whereas Cabernet Franc comes from Rapale vineyard.



#### VINTAGE

2021

#### GRAPE VARIETIES

50% Cabernet Franc and 50% Merlot

#### ALTITUDE AND SOIL

290-450 mt. a.s.l., soil with abundant clay, limestone and small percentages of silt.

#### VINTAGE REPORT

A good vintage characterized by well-distributed rainfall during spring season and an optimal climate during the harvest.

#### VINIFICATION AND AGING

The alcoholic fermentation and maceration aided by punching down and délestage takes place in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats. The malolactic fermentation, helped by periodic bâtonnage, ends in new French barriques. Alauda ages in French barriques for about 24 months.

#### TASTING NOTES

Color: deep red with hints of violet.

Aromas: intense notes of blackberry, black cherry with herbal hints complemented by vanilla, coconut and boisé.

Tasting profile: on the palate the wine is soft, round and dense, with an elegant and velvety tannic texture.

#### WHY?

- Alauda is the only Ruffino wine with the presence of Cabernet Franc, always produced in a limited quantity and less than 10.000 bottles.
- Grapes are harvested in small, carefully selected parcels - even in the same vineyard - in order to better reflect the unique character of the territory and each grape varietal.
- Alauda is aged in barriques from multiple coopers to ensure the oak doesn't overpower the wine.
- 2021: first organic certified vintage.

#### FIRST VINTAGE: 2011

#### AWARDS

- 93/100 Wine Spectator (US)
- 92/100 Decanter WWA (UK)
- 92/100 James Suckling (US)

