

## AZIENDA AGRICOLA STELLA DI CAMPALTO Toscana Rosso 'Choltempo Fiorello'

One of the most respected names in Brunello, Stella di Campalto has in a short time become one of its most sought-after producers. This excellence is accomplished through her minimal interventionist approach and almost magic ability to guide the soul of her vines into each bottle. She tends just 13 acres of Sangiovese vines that she planted in the late 1990s, in the southeast corner of the Montalcino zone near Castelnuovo dell'Abate. The vines, cared for according to organic and biodynamic principles, are surrounded by forest and groves of 100-year-old olive trees.





WINERY: Azienda Agricola San Giuseppe di Viola di Campalto Stella

WINEMAKER: Stella di Campalto

ESTABLISHED: 1992

**REGION:** ITALY • Tuscany • Montalcino **APPELLATION:** Toscana Rosso IGT

**BLEND:** 100% Sangiovese

**VINEYARDS:** The estate's 13 acres of vines make up one contiguous vineyard, running from the top of a hill at 1,100 feet to the bottom at 780 feet. Soils are a classic Montalcino mix of clay and 'galestro' (marl and limestone). As the farm was abandoned in the early 1940s (and Campalto has only ever farmed organically) no chemical treatments have ever been used on the land.

**AGE OF VINES:** 20 years, on average

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Grapes fermented on indigenous yeasts in 14HL cement tanks. Aged in French barrique and tonneaux (900L) for 27 to 47 months, depending on the vintage. Bottled unfined and unfiltered; aged an additional 21 months in bottle. 'Choltempo' is a declassified blend of Brunello wines from vintages 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of red berries, roses, light tea and spice. Suave and medium-bodied, fresh and long.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled lamb or steak; porcini risotto; aged cheese

**NOTES:** 'Choltempo' is a word in Tuscan dialect that describes the deeper understanding of events one achieves with the passing of time. 'Fiorello' is the name of Stella's beloved dog, since passed away.

