

PATRIZIA CENCIONI Rosso di Montalcino 2020

Winemaker Patrizia Cencioni founded her estate on the southeast flanks of Montalcino in 1989. Her soulful wines stand as a solid example of how hard work and perseverance can take a dream and transform it into one of the more promising boutique estates in this world-famous appellation. Sitting on a wind-swept, high-altitude plateau, the estate benefits from a cool microclimate that works to moderate the more Mediterranean heat of this side of Montalcino. Soils at the estate are rich in "galestro" (a mineral, compacted clay) and volcanic sand, which give Patrizia's wines a silky elegance in texture and tannin.

WINERY: Azienda Agricola Patrizia Cencioni

WINEMAKER: Patrizia Cencioni

ESTABLISHED: 1989

REGION: ITALY • Tuscany • Montalcino **APPELLATION:** Rosso di Montalcino DOC

BLEND: 100% Sangiovese Grosso

VINEYARDS: A selection of fruit from younger vines grown in estate Brunello vineyards. Soils are classic Montalcino, a mix of "galestro," a mineral-rich compacted clay, and friable volcanic rock.

AGE OF VINES: 20+ years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented in stainless steel tanks on indigenous yeasts. Aged for 12 months in older Slovenian oak cask (20HL).

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black and red cherries, red plums, light

baking spice. Juicy, bright fruit; lively on the tongue

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled pork sausages; roasted chicken; pecorino

(sheep) cheese

