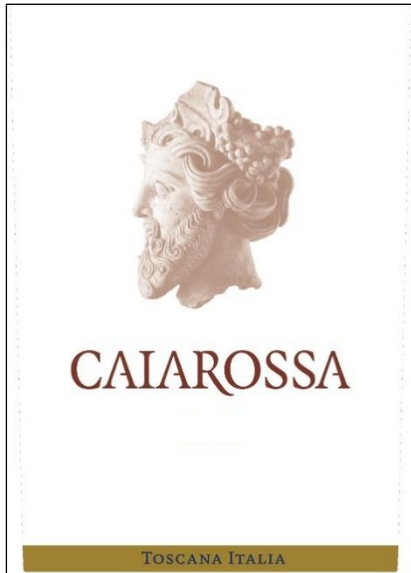


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Caiarossa

Owner: Eric Jelgersma

Country: Italy

Region: Val di Cecina – Tuscan Coast

Founded: 1998

Annual Production: 15,000cs (total)

Description: Caiarossa was founded in 1998 in the Val di Cecina, southwest of Florence and just inland from the Tuscan Coast. The winery takes its name from the intense red soils of the region. The property was acquired in 2004 by Eric Jelgersma, owner of famed Bordeaux estates Ch. Giscours and Ch. Du Tertre and has since become a critical darling, featuring a string of top scoring wines.

Wine Notes – 2016 Caiarossa, Toscana

Since its founding in 1998 and particularly since its acquisition by the noted Bordeaux vigneron Eric Jelgersma (owner of Ch. Giscours and Du Tertre in Margaux), Caiarossa has been one of the leading lights of the Tuscan Coast. The estate is located just inland from the sea and features a microclimate that balances abundant sunshine with large diurnal temperature variations. The vineyards sit on varied soil types and are planted to 11 different varietals, including classic Bordeaux cultivars as well as Syrah, Chardonnay and Viognier, among others. The property has been fully organic and Demeter-certified bio-dynamic since 2005. The eponymous Caiarossa is the estate's benchmark bottling and is the purest expression of the spectacular terroir. Made from a blend of seven varietals, the wine has been a critical favorite vintage after vintage.



- 96 points (August 30, 2019)



- 93 points (August 15, 2020)

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Sangiovese, Petit Verdot, Alicante
Vineyard Region:	Podere Serra all'Olio vineyard, Val di Cecina, Tuscan Coast, Italy
Acreage:	Average 20 years
Production Volume:	~3,000 cases
Soil Types:	Calcerous and marine sediment over brown clay
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Hand-harvested grapes in multiple passes, maceration on skins for 20-30 days, first few days cold maceration Fermented by varietal in a mix of concrete and wooden vats (10-80 hectoliters) using native yeasts, daily pump-overs, malolactic fermentation in concrete tanks and oak casks Aged 11-20 months (depending upon varietal) in 30% new oak tonneaux and barrels, 70% 2 nd and 3 rd use oak vessels, finished with 6 months in concrete tanks
Alcohol / Volume:	14.0%

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Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

The 2016 Caiarossa will be released in September. This wine is a blend of seven grapes—42% Cabernet Franc, 25% Merlot, 15.5% Syrah, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot, 4.5% Sangiovese and 1% Alicante. This vintage sees a slightly higher percentage of Cabernet Franc than usual, but I am told that the 2018 edition will see more Syrah instead. The bouquet presents a beautiful first wave of dark fruit that pushes the limits of ripeness but remains safely within the realm of elegance. The aromas are balanced and focused with blackberry, cassis, and light touches of salty or rusty mineral. The wine is not too constructed or big in the mouth, rather it shows a delicate level of elegances that absolutely seals the deal. Some 57,000 bottles were made.

96 Points, Monica Larner

Wine Spectator

Dark and brooding, this red delivers blackberry, cassis, violet, iron and tobacco aromas and flavors, set on a dense frame. Youthful and fresh, with a firm structure and a long, saturated finish of dark fruit. Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Best from 2022 through 2032. 4,650 cases made, 2,000 cases imported.

93 Points, Bruce Sanderson