



MONTCALM
WINE IMPORTERS, LTD



Liguria

WINERY	Lunae Bosoni
WINE	Liguria di Levante IGT Ciliegiole
REGION	Liguria
VARIETAL	100% Ciliegiole
LOCATION OF VINEYARDS	Hills above Luni (La Spezia), a 3-ha parcel called 'Vigna Luna'
ALTITUDE	150/200 meters above sea level
SOIL	Sandy
TYPE OF CULTIVATION	Guyot
VINIFICATION	Grapes are hand-picked towards the end of August. Brief maceration on the skins (3 days) then, after racking, fermentation and aging in stainless steel tanks for 6 months.
ALCOHOL CONTENT	13.5%
TOTAL PRODUCTION	25,000 bottles
OENOLOGIST	Paolo and Diego Bosoni (Father and son)
NOTES	Ciliegiole is a red variety named after the Italian for 'cherry' (<i>ciliegia</i>), a fruit which Ciliegiole wines resemble both in color and aroma. Predominantly found in Tuscany, it was historically a minor component of traditional blends such as Chianti and other supertuscans as well as neighboring Colli di Luni, however the variety's freshness and lively character has prompted the vine's renaissance and the number of varietal IGT wines made from Ciliegiole has considerably increased since 2000. In a world that increasingly demands early-drinking wines, but which are nonetheless full of character, Ciliegiole grapes have provided an excellent addition to wines that would otherwise need cellaring.

TASTING NOTES

Lunae's Ciliegiole is brilliant ruby red in color, resembling the fruit it takes its name from (*Ciliegia* is Italian for 'cherry'). Fragrant notes of red fruits, predominantly cherry, spices and Mediterranean bush. Soft and fruity on the palate, elegant and smooth, fresh with naturally low-acidity. Very versatile, Ciliegiole is a perfect match with cold cuts, pizza, poultry, hearty salads or, when slightly chilled (57-59F), it will accompany seafood dishes beautifully.

ABOUT THE WINERY

With a total annual production of approx. 780,000 bottles, Cantine Lunae Bosoni currently represents the largest winery in Liguria, located in the easternmost corner of the region, bordering Tuscany. It was established by Paolo Bosoni in 1966 and today his children Diego and Debora continue to refine his work. The estate controls about 85 hectares on the plain around the ancient city of Luni and in the hills of Castelnuovo Magra and Ortonovo (50ha are family-owned, 15ha are long-term leases and the rest are local growers). The offerings revolve around a range of Vermetinos distinguished by selection of different vines, vineyard sites and vinification, all notable for their contemporary style. The red wines are fresh offerings of local varietals such as Massareta, Pollera Nera blended with Sangiovese, which is very widespread in the area due to the proximity to Tuscany (2 km only to the border).

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