

ORMA



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Antonio Moretti
Total acreage under vine: 14
Estate founded: 2004
Winery production: 12,000-15,000 Bottles
Region: Toscana
Country: Italy

Passi di Orma 2017

WINE DESCRIPTION

Introduced with the 2015 vintage, Passi di Orma represents this venerated Bolgheri producer's second wine and the winery's first Bolgheri DOC. The name, which translates as "Steps from Orma" offers an accurate description of what lies inside the bottle-- a powerful and structured, yet slightly more accessible variant on Orma's namesake wine.

The Orma estate is located in the district of Castagneto Carducci within the Bolgheri DOC. Gentle and consistent sea breezes keep the vines ventilated and free of rot despite dense plantings. More than any other characteristic, however, Orma's vineyards are defined by their soil. Here, the soil is composed of a high proportion of sand and pebbles with considerably less clay than other coastal areas in Tuscany.

Traditional vinification featuring gentle pumpovers and maturation in second-passage barrels favor the expression of the grape varieties and the territory over the winemaker's approach or style.

TASTING NOTES

Deep inky purple in its youth, Passi di Orma is accessible with soft, velvety tannin and heaps of ripe plum and blackberry, but it is also structured and serious. Layers of decadent fruit are underscored by coffee, vanilla bean, and macchia mediterranea. A harmonious finish reaffirms the wine's poise and power. This is a second wine that does not settle for second place.

FOOD PAIRING

Passi di Orma's full body and rich, juicy fruit steer the list of suggested pairings toward the heavier end of the spectrum with meat dishes always an excellent choice. Dishes that play on the wine's own character should be highly rewarding, for example a lamb shank seasoned with rosemary and sea salt will tease out the herbal dryness of Tuscany while a seared duck breast with blueberry compote will echo the wine's juicy fruit. Hardy vegetarian fare such as smoky eggplant caponata will also match well with Passi di Orma.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard size:	19
Soil composition:	Clay, Sand, and Pebbly
Training method:	Cordon Spur-pruned
Elevation:	264 feet
Vines/acre:	3,120
Exposure:	Southwestern
Year vineyard planted:	1999-2000
Harvest time:	September
First vintage of this wine:	2015
Bottles produced of this wine:	12,000-15,000
Average Wine Age:	15 Years

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	40% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	7 days
Fermentation temperature:	82 °F
Maceration technique:	Pumpovers
Length of maceration:	18 days
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes
Fining agent:	Unfined
Type of aging container:	Barriques
Size of aging container:	225L
Age of aging container:	New (10%) - 1 Year (90%)
Type of oak:	French
Length of aging before bottling:	6 months
Length of bottle aging:	6 months