COTARELLA





ROSSO UMBRIA INDICAZIONE GEOGRAFICA PROTETTA

HARVEST TIME

GRAPES MERLOT 50%, SANGIOVESE 50% **PRODUCTION ZONE MONTECCHIO** SURFACE OF THE VINEYARD 5 HA ALTITUDE OF THE VINEYARD 300 METRES ABOVE THE SEA LEVEL TYPE OF SOIL SEDIMENTARY AND CLAYEY TRAINING SYSTEM SPUR CORDON **DENSITY OF VINES** 6.500 PER HA PRODUCTION PER HECTARE 6.000 KG YIELD OF GRAPES INTO WINE 50%

AVERAGE AGE OF VINES

14 YEARS

MERLOT FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, SANGIOVESE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER **VINIFICATION** MACERATION ON THE SKINS FOR 15 DAYS. MUST EXTRACTION 15% FOR THE MERLOT. TRENTANNI MACERATION ON THE SKINS FOR 12 DAYS. MUST EXTRACTION 20% FOR THE **SANGIOVESE ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION** IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION **TOTALLY CARRIED OUT IN** Umbria **BARRIQUE AGEING** IN BARRIQUES FOR 12 MONTHS ALCOHOL 14,55% COTARELLA TOTAL ACIDITY 5,35 GR/LT DRY EXTRACT 33 GR/LT PH 3,57

THE GRAPES AND THE VINEYARD

The Merlot grape is cultivated in Montecchio municipality, in a clayey and well exposed soil from which we obtain ripe and rich grapes. The Sangiovese grape is cultivated in Orvieto, in a sandy and clayey soil that gives to the grapes a good balance in acidity.

THE VINIFICATION

The grapes reach their ripeness in different moments. First the Merlot, that after a must extraction at 15%, is sent to ferment. The Sangiovese grapes, after a must extraction at 20%, start fermentation in steel tanks. At the end of fermentation process, the wines are blended and aged in barriques for 9 months, where the malolactic fermentation is totally carried out.

THE WINE

Wine produced for the first time with 2009 vintage, as its name suggests, expressly wanted and created to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Cotarella family. The combination of Merlot and Sangiovese proves to be extremely intriguing. The energy of the indigenous blends perfectly with the softness and personality of the French variety. Medium intensity ruby with garnet hue. The nose is refined with notes of plum, cherry and leather. In the mouth you can perceive the Santa Rosa plum and sweet spices with great freshness. Long persistence marked by a savory and mineral finish.