

THE SOURCE CANTINARTE ABRUZZO



2020 CERASUOLO D'ABRUZZO, 'GAIA'

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

CantinArte is the unification of two Abruzzesi families from very different areas inside one of Italy's many extremely geologically and topographically diverse Italian departments. The cantina's range of Abruzzo whites, rosé (Cerasuolo), and reds are extremely diverse and come from opposing terroirs: one by the sea and the other high up in the mountains. Francesca Di Nosio and Diego Gasbarri began their wine adventure together in 2007 with the Montepulciano vineyard (planted in 1970), inside the Province of Chieti. It sits at 300m and is about ten kilometers from the Adriatic Sea on softly sloping southeast exposure where the vines grow on deep clay and produce balanced, bright and fresh, red-fruited young wines. By contrast, their tension-filled Pecorino and Pinot Grigio grow in the mountains on limestone bedrock and clay and limestone topsoil at 740m in Diego's familial neighborhood about an hour's drive from the Montepulciano vineyard. All wines are hand-harvested, spontaneously fermented and aged in steel, old French oak and amphora.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Bucchanico (Province of Chieti) on mid-slopes of hillsides, 15km from Adriatic coast & 10km from Majella mountain. Pergola system. Deep silty clay & loam. Vines planted ~2010. Elev. 300m. SE exposure. Medium slope.

CELLAR NOTES

Hand harvest, zero stem inclusion, shortened maceration time (skin contact 24 hrs), soft pressing, natural yeast, temp controlled ferment, stainless.

