



I BALZINI

*"Once in this time wine the summer blood
knocked in the flesh that decked the vine"*

Dylan Thomas

I BALZINI Black Label IGP Colli della Toscana Centrale



TASTING NOTES

COLOR: A very intense ruby red with purple highlights.

AROMA: Intense and elegant in its fused notes of fruit and spice, evident the aromas of black berry fruit, blackberries and blueberries, along with notes of vanilla, tobacco, and chocolate.

FLAVOR: Very full-bodied and very complex and elegant. The structuring tannins are well present, dense and very velvety. The flavors are very long and persistent with a highly pleasurable aftertaste which extends the notes of the nose and palate.

SOIL: Of Pliocene origin, sedimentary formations characterized by the presence of alternating strata of yellow sands and clay with a notable presence of marine fossils.

MICRO-CLIMATE: Warm and temperate with average to elevated precipitation, cold winters and warm to very warm summers and particularly sunny late afternoons and sunsets given the precise western exposure

EXPOSURE: Southwestwards with a north to south orientation of the vine rows.

VINEYARD WORK: A working of the soil alternated with a cover crop along with a cordon de Royat training system. Crop thinning during the growing season and a final selection of the crop: during the hand picking, the bunches are placed in small packing cases and are selected on a belt as they are about to be pressed.

GRAPES: Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot

FERMENTATION: Two weeks of skin contact at 79°-81° Fahrenheit (26-28° centigrade) and a complete malolactic fermentation.

AGING: For 12-14 months in small French oak barrels followed an 18 month period of bottle aging before commercial release.

SUGGESTIONS: A wine with an important aging potential, over 20 years, to be tasted in ample and capacious crystal stemware at a temperature between 61° and 65° Fahrenheit (16-18° centigrade)

WITH FOOD: The meat dishes of the grand cuisine, game; an excellent match as well with aged cheese.

PARTICULAR CHARACTERISTICS: A wine of unforgettable fragrance, moving, excellent at the end of a meal as well.