

Guido Gualandi GUALANDUS



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Sangiovese di Toscana I.G.T..

Derived from Sangiovese grapes. The clones are historical Tuscan varieties.

Fermented with the grape skins and some stems for 2 months.

Aged 30 months in barriques and barrels.

Harvest: end of September, beginning of October

Vineyard altitude: 150-300 meters above sea level

Age of vineyards: from 5 to 35 years old

Soil: Alberese and Pleistocenic sands and clay

Average yield: 3,000 liters per hectare

Production 2,500 bottles per year

No herbicides or pesticides are used in the vineyard.

Fertilized with organic fertilizers.

Since 2006, no animal products are used in the vinification process.

Suitable for vegans.

About Gualandus 2005:

Thomas Clancy, Business Post 2007: "... A sumptuous, hand-picked, opulent palace of spices, deep dark cherry and polished tannins..."



Gualandus, the process: Starting in the vineyard, intense care is devoted to the plants. The grass is mowed and other unwanted plants which sprout up around the grapevines are weeded out. Excess grape bunches are eliminated in August and during the September harvest, and the Sangiovese bunches are also trimmed as they tend to be too heavy. The grapes are picked by hand using "bigonce," a type of traditional basket (top left). Some of the non-destemmed grapes are foot-pressed, others are destemmed and then fermented together in the wooden vat (see left). Once fermentation is completed, the liquid is transferred to barriques for about ten months (batonnage is performed every other day) and then bottled. A small quantity of sulphites is added when bottling.

This wine is also lightly filtered.

A deposit may form.

Alcohol: 13.5%



Gualandus, the name

Gualandus is simply the Latin form of the name Gualandi. The painting on the label is an original piece of art by Guido Gualandi, oil on canvas, painted specifically to be for use on the label. In the background several scenes, mainly from Ancient Mesopotamia, are depicted. The wine is dedicated to my first daughter, Sara Rhiannon.