

Le Macchiole has farmed their vineyards organically since 2002. Hand-harvesting and manual sorting are the norm here, a testament to the estate's steadfast dedication to quality. [Pictured: Le Macchiole's Vignone vineyard in Bolgheri]



Scrio 2020 Bolgheri DOC, Italy

ESTATE

Le Macchiole can best be defined as the "Boutique Bolgheri." The winery is known for its spectacular single-varietal wines — Syrah, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc farmed with the utmost attention to each bottling's "expression of the land." The winery continues to evolve in both the vineyards and in the cellar to allow the soil characteristics from this estate property to be the defining identity in the wines.

WINE

Le Macchiole founder Eugenio Campolmi first created Scrio in 1994 to produce a wine that was the ultimate expression of Syrah, his favorite grape variety. Scrio has an original personality and stands apart from Syrah grown anywhere else in the world — it is an extraordinarily compelling combination of deep and velvety Mediterranean fruit with cool climate aromatics and detail. Given the extremely limited production, Scrio is decidedly a hidden gem. "Scrio" is a Tuscan word that translates to pure, genuine, and honest. It is usually used to refer to people who are pure of heart.

VINEYARD

Sourced from two vineyards, Vignone and Casavecchia, from extremely restricted yields due to low vigor plants and green harvesting. Vines are trained on double cordon spurs and guyot.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Syrah

Fermentation: 20 day maceration & fermentation in concrete tank

Aging: 14 months in oak tonneax, conical trunk cask, a small percentage in ceramic and cement

Alcohol: 14%

VINTAGE

A rainy winter with higher than average temperatures led to a warm spring. There was a frost in the beginning of April that threatened the buds, but there was no evident damage. The summer was classified as classic, and dry through harvest which began at the end of August.



"A beautiful Syrah from Tuscany, the 2020 Scrio shows impeccable elegance with a very long and linear style that transcends the nose and the palate. I love the precision of this wine. The celebrated Rhône grape has found a very happy home along this part of the Tuscan coast. The team at Le Macchiole is especially talented at bringing out varietal nuances of dark fruit, baking chocolate, spice, charred meat, white pepper and pencil shaving."

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Wine Enthusiast

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Wine Spectator

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