



## **BOLGHERI** SUPERIORE

### **Bell'Aia Bolgheri DOC Superiore 2017**

Produced almost entirely with Merlot from the oldest parcel of our vineyard located in the Le Sondaie area of Bolgheri with a small addition of Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine is the faithful expression of a unique terroir. It is a wine that combines immediate pleasure with character and ageing potential.

#### **Vintage Features**

Vintage 2017 has been characterized by a mild and dry winter followed by a spring with very little rainfalls. As a consequence the vines budded almost 20 days in advance. In the second decade of April night frosts have slowed down the vegetative development of the shoots, but fortunately without damage. The month of May through August were characterized by hot dry weather with temperatures above the average. Rain showers at the end of August and September have lowered the temperatures guaranteeing a balanced ripening of the grapes.

#### **Tasting Notes**

Deep ruby red color. The nose reveals hints of ripe red fruits with spicy notes of licorice and cocoa. On the palate is full, ample, with smooth and silky tannins.

#### **Vineyard Location**

Le Sondaie, Bolgheri  
– The oldest Merlot parcel of the vineyard

#### **Soil Profile**

Silt-sandy soil typical of the area

#### **Training System**

Spur-pruned cordon

#### **Grape Varieties**

Merlot 95%  
Cabernet Sauvignon 5%

#### **Harvest**

Merlot: 30th August  
Cabernet Sauvignon:  
25th September

#### **Vinification & Maturation**

After fermentation and maceration for 25 days, it is aged for 18 months in French oak barrels

#### **Bottles Produced**

5.500

#### **Serving Temperature**

18 °C

#### **Alcohol**

15% Vol

#### **Cellaring**

8–10 years

#### **Total Acidity**

5,0 g/l

#### **Residual Sugar**

1 g/l

#### **Size**

