



# ORNELLAIA

Ornellaia is an ambassador for the Bolgheri region, leading it to be recognized as one of Italy's (and the world's) greatest winegrowing appellations.



## Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia 2020 Bolgheri DOC, Italy

### ESTATE

Ornellaia has established itself among the iconic wine estates in Italy (and beyond). The estate is dedicated to producing charming and opulent wines, full of Mediterranean character and finesse, reflecting the estate's unique terroir in Bolgheri on the Tuscan coast. The combination of Bolgheri's unique soils and growing conditions, and what can only be characterized as a total obsession with excellence, result in the world-class wines from Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Sauvignon Blanc that so many wine lovers across the world have come to cherish.

### WINE

Coming primarily from the Estate's younger vineyards and made with the same passion and attention to detail as Ornellaia, Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia is a true "second vin." A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia combines generosity and depth of flavor with an engaging and vibrant personality.

### VINEYARD

**Soils:** Three major soil types: marine (sedimentary deposit from the sea), alluvial (marly, sandy clays with mineral veins), and volcanic (schist, gravel and porous soils). Vineyards are planted at high density, from 5,000-8,700 hl/ha, and feature several training systems – spur-pruned cordon, single Guyot and head-pruned vines.

### WINEMAKING

**Variety:** 54% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot  
**Fermentation:** Each variety and each parcel was vinified separately. Alcoholic fermentation took place in stainless steel for two weeks followed by maceration of around 10-15 days. Malolactic fermentation was started in stainless steel, and completed after transfer to barrels (25% new and 75% a year old)  
**Aging:** The wine remained in Ornellaia's temperature-controlled cellar for a further 15 months. It was blended after the first 12 months and then reintroduced in the barrels for a further 3 months, followed by 6 months of bottle aging prior to release.  
**Alcohol:** 14.5%

### VINTAGE

After a mild and rainy winter, there was a temporary drop in temperatures in March with a few nights below 0°C. Fortunately, the newly opened shoots were still protected by the cottony tissue of the bud and were not damaged by the frost. The rest of spring had generally warm weather with normal rainfall that ensured regular vegetative development until flowering. There was an intense rainy period in the middle of June, followed by a very long dry period with a substantial absence of rain and torrid temperatures until the end of August. The veraison was rapid between 20 and 25 July, with the grapes beginning to ripen under a blazing sun.

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*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

*"The Ornellaia 2020 Bolgheri Rosso Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia (a proprietary blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot) is a generous and darkly toned red blend that has the extra fruit fiber, sweetness and generous plumpness of a warm vintage. The fullness of the fruit is on full display, but in a very relaxed and natural manner. The wine never feels like too much. The tannins are yielding and velvety, and this purebred Tuscan red wraps thickly over the palate." - M.L 5/22*

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