



ARCANUM®

T O S C A N A

Indicazione Geografica Tipica

2018

Arcanum is the pinnacle of the estate's offerings. A pure Cabernet Franc and true signature of the estate, this remarkable wine is built to age yet is drinkable young, offering aromas of violets, roses and raspberries, with long and delicate spice notes; it is a wine that is seductive yet subtle. Arcanum is sourced from 12 different blocks of Cabernet Franc that each year, thanks to their superb exposure and sandy clay soils, produce the finest expression of the variety for the leading wine of the estate.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage was beautiful and will be well-remembered. Overall, the growing season was consistent and produced very balanced wines. With a cool, rainy February and March, budbreak arrived later in the season and gave way to perfect conditions in June and July. We held our breath through early August as hailstorms approached the estate - sometimes less than 1km away - until welcomed rain arrived later in the month to rehydrate and cool the vines. With warm days and cool nights through the rest of August, the ripening conditions were optimal. Harvest of Cabernet Franc began on September 16 and finished on September 30.

TASTING NOTES

This 100% Cabernet Franc wine is a stunning representation of the diverse micro-crus of the vineyard blocks hand-selected for this vintage. Inviting aromas of sweet mint and vanilla bean delight the senses, underscored by white pepper spice. The palate exudes elegance with a distinctive brightness and soft, fine tannins. Flavors of tart cherries and black licorice are rounded out by a lingering finish of cedar and balsamic notes. A truly remarkable wine to be enjoyed for years to come.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION:	100% Cabernet Franc	TOTAL ACIDITY:	5.1 g/L
ALCOHOL:	14.5%	pH:	3.6
AGING:	12 months in 70% new French oak barrels	BOTTLES MADE:	20,300

ACCLAIM

96 POINTS - *JamesSuckling.com*, James Suckling, March 2022

95 POINTS - *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, Monica Larner, September 2023

94 POINTS - *Wine Spectator*, Bruce Sanderson, October 2023

