



CABERNET SAUVIGNON LEGIT TUSCANY

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Wine Spectator
TOP 100

When they tasted the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon in barrel at Tolaini Estate, Lia Banville and Jeremy Hart were stunned by its grace and opulence. The two agreed the wine's unique harmony of distinct terroir, robust bright fruit, and lush round tannins was so special, it needed to be bottled alone, unblended, as a unique 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from within Chianti Classico.



Inspired by the wine's personality, Lia Banville dedicated this fascinating Cabernet to "Genius of Modern Music" Thelonious Monk, himself the embodiment of stylish originality and eternal hipness. When Lia's son Alex showed her the iconic photo on the cover of Monk's brilliant "Thelonious Monk in Italy" (recorded in Milan April, 1961), they searched for the photographer. With his permission and the permission of Monk's family, this timeless, quintessential portrait now graces **Legit**... Adventure born as a business endeavor, evolved into collaboration, and now a wonderful friendship, itself mirroring the unexpected delights of great Jazz.

Effortlessly presenting power and finesse, this Cabernet Sauvignon was created from organically-farmed fruit hand-harvested from the prized San Giovanni Vineyard in the heart of Castelnuovo Berardenga. The gentle slopes of this Tuscan vineyard – staccatoed with gnarled vines – mimics the angular melodies and dissonant twists of Monk's great masterpieces. "A wine born of soul and depth," a harmonious yet surprising marriage of American Jazz and Tuscan traditions as perfectly irreverent and as stylishly 'LEGIT' as the artist who inspired it.

Banville is proud to present this tribute to the timelessness of Pulitzer Prize-winning *epitome of Jazz* Thelonious Monk, who will always set the bar for all things legit.



LEGIT

Deep ruby red. Semblances of green pepper, licorice and graphite on the nose, melded to vanilla oak. Full-bodied with a ripe fruit palate, Legit will continue to develop positively over a protracted period, not uncommon for Cabernet Sauvignon grown in Castelnuovo Berardenga.

From 20-year-old Cabernet Sauvignon vines planted to lime and clay soils with ample gravel enjoying southeast exposure. Grapes are carefully selected at harvest and again when they arrive at the winery. Bunches are destemmed and the whole berries are immediately put into French oak temperature-controlled fermenters. The must is kept in contact with the skins for about 30 days while manual punch-downs (*pigeage*) and pump-overs (*remontage*) are carried out every 4-6 hours throughout the day. A single racking, or *délestage*, is performed each week. Malolactic fermentation takes place in French oak barrique, 70% new and 30% one-year, and the wine is aged 24 months in 70% new barrique and then another 36 months in bottle prior to release.

Wine Spectator on the 2013: **94pts** "This is broad and incisive, delivering black currant, plum, leather, earth and wild herb flavors. Dense and beefy, yet with ample fruit for balance, driven by vibrant acidity. This is starting to mellow but still has years of life ahead. Drink now through 2036."

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