

UCCELLIERA

Montalcino

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OVERVIEW

The Uccelliera estate, located in the warm southern Castelnuovo dell'Abate part of the Montalcino zone, was part of the neighboring Ciacci Piccolomini estate until 1986. Proprietor Andrea Cortonesi recently added two hectares adjacent to Ciacci's famous "Pianrosso" vineyard; the property now totals six hectares. All work in the vineyard is done by hand. The Rosso is highly limited in production, featuring an unusually powerful nose, and lush, soft fruit, while the Brunello features complex aromas of exotic spice and dark red fruits with an expansive palate and velvety texture. The tiny-production "Rapace" is a 60% Sangiovese, 30% Merlot and 10% Cabernet barrique-aged blend.

Varieties:

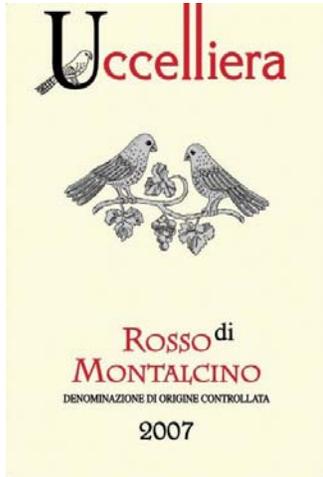
Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

Total Acreage:

6.3 hectares

Average Production:

4,100 cases



VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Uccelliera is a practicing organic winery
- Integrated insect and disease control is followed; organic and organic-mineral fertilizers are used in the vineyards.
- The soil is tilled on the rows between the vines

WINES

Rosso di Montalcino

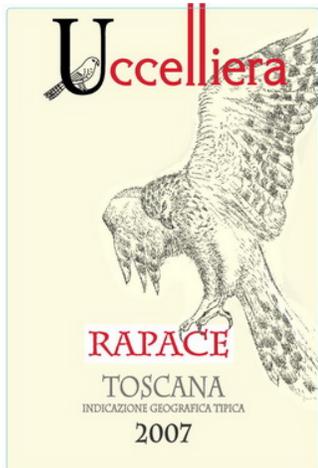
From The Wine Advocate "The 2009 Rosso is a gorgeous entry-level wine. Flowers, mint and tobacco add complexity to the layered fruit, while the focus shows considerable verve and minerality."

Rapace

A blend of Brunello, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, aged in French oak barrels, this is a big, full-bodied wine that is young now and will be at it's best in two or three years.

Brunello di Montalcino

Many experts considered the 2005 Brunello from Uccelliera the best wine of the 2005 vintage and many now proclaim that Uccelliera will retain that title with the 2006 vintage. The Wine Advocate gave this wine a score of 96 and wrote "gorgeous clarity and precision in an effortless, weightless style, dark cherries, tobacco, incense, dried flowers and minerals come together beautifully in the glass in this sensual, understated wine. This is a fabulous effort from Andrea Cortonesi".



ACCOLADES

"Uccelliera is now without question one of the handful of top producers in Montalcino." - *Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate*



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