

# LA CACCIA

## DI SAN GIOVANNI



### TOSCANA 2017

<b>HARVEST DATE:</b> OCTOBER 4TH, 2017	<b>ALCOHOL:</b> 13.5%	<b>AGING:</b> 24 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS
<b>TOTAL PRODUCTION:</b> 28 BARRELS	<b>BLEND:</b> 50% CABERNET SAUVIGNON , 40% SANGIOVESE, 10% PETIT VERDOT	<b>RELEASE DATE:</b> OCTOBER 2019

**WINEMAKER:** PAOLO CACIORGNA

#### **VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES:**

WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY LAND IN TUSCANY PRESENTED ITSELF IN 2016, THE GROUP - LED BY DEAN MACFARLAN - BEGAN EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCING A SUPER TUSCAN BLEND FROM THE VINEYARDS ON THE PROPERTY, ABOUT 20 MILES EAST OF SIENA.

AFTER MANY MONTHS OF STUDYING THE SOILS, MEETING WITH TUSCAN GROWERS AND WINEMAKERS AND VARIOUS CONSULTANTS, THEY DECIDED TO TAKE THE PLUNGE. IN THE FALL OF 2017 THE FIRST VINTAGE OF LA CACCIA WAS HARVESTED. ON OUR ESTATE, WE HAVE A STUNNING SECTION OF VINEYARD ADJACENT TO THE CASTELLO DI CASOLE, WHICH IS PLANTED ORGANICALLY TO SANGIOVESE AND CABERNET SAUVIGNON. WHILE THE OTHER PARCELS ON THE PROPERTY ARE YOUNG VINES, THEY CONTRIBUTE A NEW SET OF TOOLS TO OUR WINEMAKING TEAM: CABERNET FRANC, PETIT VERDOT AND MERLOT.

WINEMAKER PAOLO CACIORGNA AND BARNETT WINEMAKER, DAVID TATE COLLABORATED ON THIS VINTAGE TO CREATE A WINE OF POWER AND ELEGANCE - AN HONEST REFLECTION OF THE TERROIR OF OUR SITE, NOW STEWARDED BY MARC GAGNON, MICHAEL KENNEDY, PAOLO CACIORGNA AND VINEYARD MANAGER FRANCESCO BAFFETTI.

LA CACCIA TRANSLATES TO "THE HUNT" IN ITALIAN, A NOD TO THE HISTORICAL PAST OF THE ESTATE WHICH DATES BACK TO THE 10TH CENTURY. THE IMAGE ON THE FRONT LABEL DEPICTS A HUNTING BLIND THAT STILL STANDS ON THE PROPERTY. THIS BLIND IS NOW SURROUNDED BY VINEYARDS THAT PRODUCE THIS ELEGANT SUPER TUSCAN.

#### **TASTING NOTES:**

A STUNNING FIRST EXPRESSION OF THE ESTATE, THE 2017 IS CLASSICALLY TUSCAN IN TEXTURE, FIRM WHEN OPENING WITH MORE RUSTIC TANNIN AS IT OPENS FURTHER. ON THE NOSE, THE WINE SHOWS DRIED SPICES, CLOVE, NUTMEG, MIXED BERRIES AND CASSIS. ON THE PALATE, MORE RED FRUIT COMES THROUGH, FOLLOWED BY THE DARK & BROODING CHARACTERISTICS COMMON FOR PETIT VERDOT. THE FINISH IS LONG AND ELEGANT.

