



MASCIARELLI

(Left) The 18th century Castello di Semivicoli is the awe-inspiring home to Masciarelli's tasting room and guest accommodations. Gianni Masciarelli (right) was a true pioneer of Abruzzo, producing world-class quality wines years before other winemakers in the region followed suit.



Marina Cvetic ISKRA 2016 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo D.O.C., Italy

ESTATE

Founded by Abruzzo native Gianni Masciarelli in 1981, Masciarelli and its wines have become the standard bearer for the Abruzzo region, and an inspiration to all emerging Italian wine regions. After a summer in Champagne, Gianni Masciarelli became convinced that world-class wines could be produced in Abruzzo, and through tremendous vision and non-stop innovation, Masciarelli became one of the most admired wineries in Italy.

WINE

ISKRA is the Serbian word for "spark," and Gianni Masciarelli dedicated this wine to his wife, Marina Cvetic, who is from Serbia. It is among the Marina Cvetic line of wines, which Gianni created for his wife. Made from a single-vineyard cru of Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, ISKRA is a wine of extraordinary distinction and depth.

VINEYARD

Location: All from a single-vineyard cru located in the province of Teramo at an altitude of approximately 2,400 feet above sea level.

Soils: Mostly calcareous clay and lime with alluvial sediments.

Farming: Traditional pergola as well as high density spur cordon and single guyot; all hand-harvested and farmed sustainably.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: In stainless steel for 15-20 days, followed by a maceration lasting 20-30 days.

Aging: 12 months in French barriques and 24 months in bottle

Alcohol: 14.5%

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Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

"The Marina Cvetic 2016 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Colline Teramane Riserva Iskra hits it out of the ballpark with an extra crisp zing and an energetic quality of fruit. I always think of the stubborn rockiness of the Apennines when I taste the wines of Abruzzo, and I am reminded of that characteristic firmness and rigidity here. Give the wine an extra year or two to unwind, but if you have a bottle in front of you, no harm is done if you decide to drink up now. This pretty Montepulciano is elegant and accessible at the same time."

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