

It was created in the mid eighties to celebrate the Montepulciano variety of vine, and an area close to the sea with highly calcareous soils, using methods based on very strict selection of grapes in the vineyard and what were, at least for then, modern techniques of vinification and ageing. The name Cùmaro is a tribute to Mount Conero, komaros in Greek, which means 'arbutus': an ever- green shrub which grows freely in its woodlands. Since 2004 the wine has been entitled to the appellation "DOCG (Guaranteed and Controlled Denomination of Origin) Conero Riserva".

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DENOMINATION

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GRAPE VARIETIES Montepulciano 100%

AREA OF PRODUCTION

Marche, Conero

VINEYARD

The vineyard from which Cùmaro originates is situated on the edge of the municipality of Osimo, facing south-east, at a height of about 492-656 feet above sea level. The terrain, which started out as marine formations from the Pleiocene-Pleistocene era, consists of very deep, chalky loams soils.

YIELD PER HECTARE

The yield is kept within strict limits by very close pruning and targeted thinning, and can vary from fve to 6-8 tons per hectare according to the season.

HARVEST

The grapes are picked by hand, and collected and transported in boxes. Montepulciano is a fairly late variety. Usually, harvest takes place in October, when the grapes have reached peak condition with an advanced degree of phenolic ripening.

VINIFICATION

The grapes are destalked and lightly crushed, then fermented at 81-84°F in steel fermentation tanks for 12-14 days with natural yeasts. Subsequently, the wine moves on to the malolactic fermentation stage.

AGING

It is aged in 225 litre oak barriques for a period of 12-14 months. After bottling, Cùmaro is left to age further, in a temperature-controlled environment, for about 6-8 months.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red colour with garnet hints. The mouth is soft and enfolding, with smooth tannins and a pleasant elegant and dry finish. The nose presents an intense bouquet opening with lovely ripe plum, blackcurrant and morello cherry notes, finishing spicy on black pepper, vanilla and tobacco.

SERVING GLASS

A large glass, with a fairly broad body. This allows the correct oxygenation of red wines which have had long ageing in bottle and whose tannins have taken on a softer character, developing complex tertiary aromas which will be well-concentrated in the narrower opening of the glass.

PAIRINGS

A fine companion for rare-cooked red meat, game-birds and mature cheese.

IDEAL SERVING TEMPERATURE 61-64°F





