



Type of wine: red wine with ample structure for long aging.

**Grape varietals:** equal parts of Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese, harvested respectively at the beginning of October and end of September. Pruning: double spurred cordon; planting density: 4000-5000 vines/ha (1,620-2,020/acre); yield: 5-6 tonnes/ha (2.02-2.43 tonnes/acre).

Soil type: the Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard has pebbles with a medium mix and tends towards limestone on a tufa subsoil; the Sangiovese is from the same plot as Rubesco Riserva, the Monticchio Vineyard: clay layers alternating with sandy fringes in the lower part of the vineyard.

Vinification: fermentation in stainless steel with 25-28 days of maceration on skins. Barrique aging for 12 months, followed by at least 1 year in bottle.

Colour: deep ruby red with violet nuances.

**Bouquet:** intense, complex and ample, it reveals hints of red fruit and sweet spices.

Flavour: great concentration, harmonious and enveloping, juicy with dense, warm tannins; notes of blackberry and currant jam; very long and pleasantly fresh finish.

Alcohol by volume: 14%.

Consumption: serve at 16-18° C (61-64°F). If properly stored, it has long aging potential.

**Food affinities:** pappardelle pasta with wild boar sauce, *salmì* of hare, roasted meat on skewers, aged cheeses, beef Stroganoff with vegetable piroshki, Solyanka (meat soup).

Focus: it bears the signature of Giorgio Lungarotti who introduced Cabernet Sauvignon to Umbria in the 1960s and was one of the first in Italy to blend it with Sangiovese, creating this "SuperUmbrian" whose first vintage dates back to 1977.

**Anecdotes:** according to an ancient custom still alive today in the countryside of Torgiano, on the eve of the feast of Saint George, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, propitiatory bonfires are still lit in the vineyards with cuttings from the winter vine pruning.

**Label:** depicts the preparatory drawing by Raffaello for "Saint George and the Dragon", housed at *Gallerie degli Uffizi* in Florence.

Format: 750 ml; 1.5 litres, 3 litres.

Bottles produced: 20,000.