

VIN DE CORSE PORTO VECCHIO: CUVÉE ORIU ROUGE DOMAINE DE TORRACCIA

Style

Red, Dry, Full bodied

Region

Corsica

Wine Maker

Christian Imbert.

Appellation

Vin de Corse Porto Vecchio, on the southeast of the island.

Cepage

80% Nielluccio and 20% Sciacerello.

Tasting Note

"Another rare 'vin de garde' from Corsica. This well-coloured red comes from the south of the island. Lovely dense fruit flavours with a slightly smoky, sweet-tobacco complexity." Tom Stevenson The New Sotherby's Wine Encyclopedia

Serve

(Corsican) Charcuterie, Goat's cheese, simple grills

Cellarage

An impressive wine in youth but will benefit from additional bottle age (up to 7 years).

Vinification

The wine is made from grapes produced using organic viticultural practices and a minimum of chemicals during winemaking. The wine undergoes a traditional élevage in large cement vats.

History

The Granite island of Corsica is less than 120 miles long with a mountainous topography, dry, arid climate and idiosyncratic vegetation typified by the dense thyme and lavender scented scrubland of the Maquis, which Napoleon swore he could smell from Elba!

Christian Imbert is a flamboyant first generation vigneron who planted his (organic) vineyard on reclaimed scrubland in the hills above Porto Vecchio during the 1960s.

The Cuvée Oriu is the flagship wine from Domaine de Torraccia and was first produced in the 1968 vintage. The name Oriu means cache or stash in Corsican in reference to the longstanding bandit practice of hiding money and arms in the island's mountain caves.



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