

# LE MACCHIOLE

Le Macchiole has farmed their vineyards organically since 2002. Hand-harvesting and manual sorting are the norm here, a testament to the estate's steadfast dedication to quality. [Pictured: Le Macchiole's Vignone vineyard in Bolgheri]



## Scrio 2019 Bolgheri DOC, Italy

### ESTATE

Le Macchiole can best be defined as the "Boutique Bolgheri." The winery is known for its spectacular single-varietal wines — Syrah, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc farmed with the utmost attention to each bottling's "expression of the land." The winery continues to evolve in both the vineyards and in the cellar to allow the soil characteristics from this estate property to be the defining identity in the wines.

### WINE

Le Macchiole founder Eugenio Campolmi first created Scrio in 1994 to produce a wine that was the ultimate expression of Syrah, his favorite grape variety. Scrio has an original personality and stands apart from Syrah grown anywhere else in the world — it is an extraordinarily compelling combination of deep and velvety Mediterranean fruit with cool climate aromatics and detail. Given the extremely limited production, Scrio is decidedly a hidden gem. "Scrio" is a Tuscan word that translates to pure, genuine, and honest. It is usually used to refer to people who are pure of heart.

### VINEYARD

Sourced from two vineyards, Puntone and Madonnina, from extremely restricted yields due to low vigor plants and green harvesting. Vines are trained on double cordon spurs and guyot.

### WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Syrah

Fermentation: 25 day maceration, stainless steel

Aging: 18 months in oak tonneau, conical trunk cask, a small percentage in ceramic and cement

Alcohol: 14%

### VINTAGE

2019 was a vintage with slow and very long ripening and with no excessive heat peaks. The spring season was fluctuating, characterized by a particularly cold climate in the last two weeks of March, with a steady increase in temperatures throughout the month of April, which contributed to a slow and gradual sprout development. In May, low temperatures, and a substantial increase in rainfall, led to a sharp slowdown in the plants' vegetative development. A particularly hot and dry climate at the beginning of June, combined with the heavy rains of the previous month, contributed to a flourishing shoot development on the plants resulting in clusters that required repeated and targeted green management intervention for the entire summer period.

*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

"With Le Macchiole, you don't get a flabby over-extracted Syrah; instead, you get a polished and extremely elegant wine with a tight (trim but not lean) mouthfeel and beautifully integrated tannins." - M.L., 7/2022

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