MASCIARELLI

Marina Cvetic ISKRA 2016

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC, 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
Variety: 100% Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
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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"Complex and intriguing nose of black plums and dark cherries seasoned by dried herbs and sweet clove spice. Powerful tannins with a chalky texture and a juicy fruit concentration balanced by a refreshing acidity."

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