

## MONTECALVI

### R23 - Rauscedo 23 - Sangiovese clone

Rauscedo is the name of the nursery, located in Friuli, that developed this clone.

It has the following **characteristics**:

- 1) The cluster is smaller than the other traditional Sangiovese clones. Flowering produces less clusters than other Sangiovese clones. It has therefore a lower fertility than normal: less than two bunches per bud.
- 2) The berry is smaller and therefore produces richer and fuller wines because of **increased skin to pulp ratio**.
- 3) It ripens, when grafted on the same rootstock, **3-4 days earlier** than other more traditional Sangiovese clones.  
Sangiovese belongs to the 2nd-3rd period of maturation: end of September, when frequently the rain effects the vineyards. It is therefore crucial to have the grapes mature as earlier as possible.
- 4) The phenolic content is higher than the usual Sangiovese found in Chianti.

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**Note: Robert Parker Quote.**  
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About 600 cases of this full-bodied, rich, 100% Sangiovese were produced. Made from a particular clone of Sangiovese known as Rauscedo R23, this wine boasts a dense purple color, followed by a terrific nose of new saddle leather, chocolate, damp foresty scents, and rich berry fruit. Deep, powerful, moderately tannic, and well-endowed, this youthful, impressive wine should hit its stride after several years of bottle age, and last for 10-15 years.

**1995: - 90 points**