

2007 Batzella Bolgheri Pean

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy

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| Wine Advocate # 191 Oct 2010 | Antonio Galloni | 90 | Drink: 2010 - 2017 | \$29 (29) |

The 2007 Bolgheri Pean is Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc aged in French oak. A warm, expressive core of black fruits, espresso, mocha, spices and new leather radiates through to the round, harmonious finish. This bold, juicy red delivers tons of Bolgheri character at a fair price. Ideally readers should open the Pean a good 30 minutes prior to serving to allow the bouquet to find its focus. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2017.

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2007 Batzella Bolgheri Superiore Tam

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| Wine Advocate # 191 Oct 2010 | Antonio Galloni | 92 | Drink: 2012 - 2019 | \$46 (46) |

The estate's 2007 Bolgheri Superiore Tam, 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and 35% Cabernet Franc that spent 24 months in French oak, is the best wine I have ever tasted from Batzella. Here the fruit is still quite primary, while the textural richness flows with authority, energy and focus. The finish is long, silky and impeccably balanced. The 2007 Tam is a superb effort from this up-and-coming property. It will be fascinating to see how this develops in bottle. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2019.

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2007 Batzella Bolgheri Mezzodi

A Proprietary Blend Dry White Table wine from Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy

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| Wine Advocate # 178 Aug 2008 | Antonio Galloni | 87 | Drink: 2008 - 2010 | \$22 (22) |

The 2007 Bolgheri Mezzodi is 70% Viognier and 30% Sauvignon Blanc that was partly aged in oak, with frequent batonnage. The wine reveals a perfumed expression of Granny Smith apples, minerals and flowers, with lovely mineral notes that frame the wine. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2010.

Batzella is an up-and-coming estate in Maremma that readers will want to keep an eye on. Proprietors Franco Batzella and Khanh Nguyen have enlisted the services of consulting oenologist Attilio Pagli to assist them in producing wines from their seven hectares of vines.

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