

REVIEWS & AWARDS IL NICCHIO 2021

James Suckling 99 pts

There is beguiling power in this wine, dark, Mediterranean and structured, but most of all vibrant. On the nose it shows eucalyptus, oak bark, smoke, violets and deep cassis fruit. The oak is well judged and integrated and the palate is full-bodied with weight, density and velvety, elegant tannins. Juicy acidity at the end. The powerful structure is well tamed, with a finish of sweet tobacco and orange leaves. Best after 2027.

Antonio Galloni 96 pts

The 2021 Il Nicchio is an elegant, refined offering from Lodovico Antinori. Aromatic and silky, with gorgeous forward fruit, this mid-weight Maremma red delivers the goods. Plum, blackberry, mocha, espresso and dried herbs all build nicely in the glass. Bright floral overtones lift the finish. This young Cabernet Franc is quite promising.

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Robert Parker 96 pts

THE WINE ADVOCATE

Here's an exciting new project from a celebrated name in Italian wine. Created by Lodovico Antinori and his daughter Sophia, the Tenuta del Nicchio 2021.

Il Nicchio is a blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot presented in a heavy glass bottle. The wine is saturated and rich with a big textural footprint that is reinforced by blackberry, dried plum, spice and rosemary essence. There are earthy tones, tobacco and cured leather over a full-bodied mouthfeel with rich texture and sweet tannins. Lodovico Antinori is the creative force behind Tenuta di Biserno in Bibbona, Tuscany. In 2023, he started a new project called Tenuta del Nicchio with his daughter Sophia Antinori. The estate has 12 hectares of vines close to Bolgheri and two hectares near the village of Castagneto Carducci.

Reviewed by: Monica Larner Issue date: Feb 20, 2025 Drink Date: 2025 - 2048

Decanter 94 pts

The second vintage of this Cabernet Franc from Lodovico Antinori, Il Nicchio is a blend of the best fruit from nine parcels in Castagneto Carducci and Bibbona. The 2021 offers crushed dark berries and balsam scents with a vibrant and tight palate of grainy, succulent almost sweet fruits and a touch of earthiness. The finish is sapid and fresh, with aromatic wafts and a touch of chocolate. Give it time.

Tasted by: James Button (at London, 25 Feb 2025) Drinking Window: 2026 - 2041



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Jane Anson 95 pts

Fermer in colour than the Lodovico, and clearly more built, muscular, smooth and powerful. This is skilfully made, need a few years in bottle, with the origin of these Bordeaux varieties more evident in terms of their structure and ageability. Both have serious charm but very different characters. Winemaker Helena Lindberg, consultant Michel Rolland, vineyard located between the communes of Bolgheri and Bibbona.

Tasdet by: JANE ANSON (15 Mar 2025)

Jane says: Hold + 2 years or carafe 3 hours



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