

# AVIGNONESI

## CANTALORO TOSCANA I.G.T. ROSATO 2019

Cantaloro is Avignonesi's everyday wine and is available in white, rosé and red. The wines are fruit forward, easy drinking and accessible.

### 2019 VINTAGE

2019 was a great year for wine. Warm weather albeit not dry, was the background to a great production in terms of quantity and quality. With just the right amount of rainfall, work in the vineyards never stopped and great attention was placed to the grapes to balance warmth, rain and soil.

### TASTING NOTES

Cantaloro Rosato with its light pink onion peel colour has intense notes of grapefruit and lemon followed by guava and water melon. The flavour is fresh and fruity with a dry finish.

### VINIFICATION

#### GRAPES

100% Sangiovese from various vineyards, that we select carefully each vintage.

#### HARVEST

The grapes were picked at the first half of September.

#### VINIFICATION

Short maceration on the skins, followed by a soft pressing of partly whole bunches, partly destemmed grapes, followed by racking off of the must. Fermentation took place with the use of *pied de cuve*.

*Pied de cuve* is the process by which a small batch of grapes is pre-harvested and used for preparing a vineyard-specific natural yeast, which becomes the "base stock" for fermentation when the main batch of grapes is harvested one week later.

By using this self-made, natural yeast we enhance the tie between the vineyard and the wine, which will have a greater sense of place.

#### AGEING

The wine ferments in stainless steel tanks and ages on fine lees for 3 months.

#### ALCOHOL AND TOTAL PRODUCTION

12% - 20,000 bottles.

### AWARDS

2018: 90 pts Suckling

2017: 90 pts Suckling | Silver Medal Asia Rosé Masters

