



CIACCI PICCOLOMINI d'ARAGONA

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Ateo ("atheist" in Italian) was first produced in 1989, a difficult vintage between two excellent years, as a result of the decision not to produce Brunello in less than ideal vintages. That vintage also represented the first harvest of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot vineyards, the grapes that comprise the wine today. Ateo is a vibrant and juicy wine with intense herbal, spice and fruity (black cherry, plum) notes. A nice structure is supported by balanced tannins and indisputable personality.



Grape variety:	Blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Merlot
Alcohol content:	14% by vol.
Production:	13,000 bottles
First vintage:	1989
Vineyard:	Vigne Iscritte all'Albo, subzone of Castelnuovo dell'Abate
Soil type:	Medium-grain soil with good level of marl, dating back to the Eocene period
Vine age:	8-15 years
Altitude:	240-360 m
Time of harvest:	Mid to late September
Fermentation:	Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel and glass concrete vats
Aging:	Aged for approx. 18 months in French and American oak barriques
Release:	September

