



*Santa Barbara*



*Passion, with a respect for the land and the determination to innovate are the foundations on which we built our winery. Each harvest is an important test of our wines and vineyards. Year after year, we set our sights on improving the standard of our grapes, respecting our traditions and the history of the land we farm, yet applying new concepts to vine-growing by thinning and having an obsessive attention to the health of the plants.*

*The name **Santa Barbara** pays homage to our land, our tradition and those we worship. The history of this place dates back to the 6th century when Senigallia was a Byzantine city and a Lombardic (and therefore “barbarian”) outpost was set up in a nearby village. Since then, that village took the name of Barbara which is where our winery is located today, having the privilege of being housed in an old monastery.*

## ***Santa Barbara – Stefano Antonucci Rosso Piceno DOC “Il Maschio da Monte”***

*The name **Il Maschio da Monte** translates to mean the macho of the mountain. It refers to a dear friend of Stefano Antonucci who is a fierce fighter, tough as a mountain. And it also refers to Stefano’s commitment to stay unmoving in his commitment to show how great Rosso Piceno can be.*

### ***Grapes***

85% Montepulciano & 15% Sangiovese

DOC rules: 35–85% Montepulciano; 15–50% Sangiovese

### ***Type of Soil***

Chalky clay with Northwest exposure and an elevation of 250m

### ***Wine-making***

The wine is made in stainless steel tanks

### ***Aging***

Aged in French oak barriques for 18 months, 20% new 80% second and third passage

### ***Tasting Notes / Reviews:***

#### ***96 + Gold Medal - Wine Pleasures (2022 Vintage)***

***91 Points, Falstaff Magazine (2022 Vintage)*** “Brilliant purple colour with ruby red highlights. Expressive bouquet of preserved plum and blackberry, with notes of leather, iodine and tobacco leaf. Very sweet on the palate, opulent and with firm tannins and above-average length.”

***91 Points, James Suckling (2020 vintage)*** “Rich blackberries, chocolate, sweet spices and a hint of black pepper. Medium to full body on the palate with nicely chewy tannins and a fluid, lengthy finish. Ripe and juicy. Drink now through to 2028.”

***90 Points, Vinous (2019 vintage)*** “Dark and brooding in the glass, the 2019 Rosso Piceno Il Maschio di Monte slowly smolders up with a mix of tobacco and brown spice giving way to masses of crushed black cherry. This is creamy and elegant in feel with vibrant acidity to balance, as balsamic spices, notes of plum and mocha settle upon the senses. The 2019 tapers off lightly structured and with a chewy concentration, as notes of fig paste and a dusting of cocoa are left to linger. The Il Maschio Di Monte is packed full of character, but be aware that this is a heady and full-throttle Rosso Piceno.”