ARMIT WINES

2012 Redigaffi

Tua Rita, Tuscany, Italy

Product details

Vintage:	2012	**Drinking:**	2016 2027
Producer:	Tua Rita	**Alcohol:**	14.50%
Region:	Tuscany	**Variety:**	Merlot
Country:	Italy		

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Tasting notes

Redigaffi is the undisputed signature wine of Tua Rita, hailing from a small plot of meticulously selected Merlot which was first planted in 1994 and is aged in small oak barrels for 18 months. The 2012 is a truly remarkable wine that is redolent with vibrant perfumed aromas at once hedonistic and elegant. A profound texture, there is spice and woodsmoke, softened by floral hints, mocha, dark cherry and damson. This is an opulent wine with immediate appeal whose underlying power indicates a very long future ahead; that perennial iron fist in a velvet glove.

Reviews

Compelling aromas of chili pepper, nuts, beeswax and dark fruits with dried strawberries. Hints of black olives and meat. Full body with extremely thick, silky tannins and a long, flavorful finish. This is layered and so structured, with fabulous length and density. Savory. Chocolate powder at the end. This needs at least three or four years of bottle age. A triumph for the vintage. Pure merlot.
98 Points, James Suckling

The 2012 Redigaffi jumps from the glass with explosive dark blue/blackish fruit. Rich, voluptuous and impeccably textured in the glass, the 2012 boasts massive depth and concentration, yet retains tons of freshness. Silky tannins round out a finish laced with melted road tar, herbs and leather. For such a big wine, the Redigaffi is remarkably complex and nuanced. The 2012 was aged in 100% new, thick-staved Darnajou barrels, which are seldom seen in Italy but widely used throughout Napa Valley and elsewhere. In some recent vintages I have slightly preferred the Syrah over the Redigaffi, but in 2012 the wines are both fabulous. Simply put, the 2012 Redigaffi is a stunner.
96 Points, Antonio Galloni

The epic 2012 Redigaffi (100% Merlot) shows amazing depth and a great sense of inner energy and seductive charm. The wine is soft and yielding with ripe layers of cherry, blackberry and cassis that slowly morph into savory spice, leather and tobacco. This Merlot boldly promotes its all-Italian characteristics of Mediterranean shrub and wild sage that ground the wine in a sense of place. The warm vintage has shaped soft tannins and thick, penetrating extraction that moves slowly over the palate. Give this beautiful wine a few more years to find its footing and lose its baby

fat.

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

About the producer

Founded in 1984, Tua Rita was instrumental in establishing the 'cult' status of the earliest Super Tuscans. Nestled in the metalliferous hills of the Maremma in coastal Tuscany, Tua Rita have carved out a reputation for being some of the best producers of Cabernet and Merlot in Italy. Today, second generation winemaker Stefano Frascolla continues to push the boundaries of Italian wine, experimenting with new varieties and techniques, and recent releases of these wines are the best they have ever been.