Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio Rosso DOC 2017

WINE DESCRIPTION
The name of this wine is rooted in a legend. According to the story, God cried when he found a corner of Heaven stolen by Lucifer and where his tears fell, there grew the grapes that make Lacryma Christi, translated as “tears of Christ.” Made from 100% Piedirosso grapes grown in volcanic soil near Mount Vesuvius and fermented in stainless steel, this is a unique red wine that is youthful, but substantial.

TASTING NOTES
Intense ruby-red in color, aromas of cherries and red fruit underscore notes of plums, raspberries, and black pepper. Refined tannins and good acidity make this wine rich without being overpowering.

FOOD PAIRING
Pair this wine with spaghetti and meatballs, Bolognese sauce, pizza Margherita, and even grilled swordfish.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO
- Production area/appellation: Vesuvio DOC
- Vineyard size: 38 acres
- Soil composition: Volcanic and Clay-Loam
- Training method: Guyot Espalier and Arbor-trained
- Elevation: 561 feet
- Vines/acre: 1,000
- Yield/acre: 2.8 tons
- Exposure: Southeastern
- Year vineyard planted: 1996/2003
- Harvest time: October
- First vintage of this wine: 1960
- Bottles produced of this wine: 81,000

WINEMAKING & AGING
- Varietal composition: 100% Piedirosso
- Fermentation container: Stainless steel tanks
- Length of alcoholic fermentation: 10 days
- Fermentation temperature: 72-73 °F
- Maceration technique: Cold Soak Maceration, Racking, and Pumpovers
- Length of maceration: 10 days
- Malolactic fermentation: Yes
- Type of aging container: Stainless steel tanks
- Length of aging before bottling: 3 months
- Length of bottle aging: 2 months

PRODUCER PROFILE
- Estate owned by: Piero Mastroberardino
- Winemaker: Massimo Di Renzo
- Total acreage under vine: 785
- Estate founded: 1878
- Winery production: 2,400,000 Bottles
- Region: Campania
- Country: Italy

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