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"Il Borro" has an intense ruby color, with purplish reflections. The bouquet is full and intense, concentrated, with notes of underbrush and with spicy scents. The taste is dry, with a good body and soft tannins, a good consistency, well integrated and persistent.

The vineyards are planted at a density of 4.500 vines per hectare and at an average height of 300 meters above sea level. The 'Vendage' (literally the harvesting of the grapes) takes place at the end of August. Each plant produces up to 1 kg of grapes or 4500 kg of grapes per hectare yielding about 3,000 litres of wine. The grapes are harvested, destemmed and sorted by hand and then pressed and gravity-fed into vinification tanks. Each variety of grape is processed individually.

On the first day of fermentation during vinifica- tion, 10 to 20% of the liquid is removed from the tanks to increase concentration. Maceration, the process by which whole grapes are fermented in a carbon dioxide rich environment prior to cru- shing, takes about 22 days in the stainless-steel tanks at a temperature controlled 28°C. The last stage is alcoholic fermentation which takes around 10 days on average after which the wine is decan-ted in to barrels. From these older barrels the wine is siphoned in to new Allier Oak barrels, a procedure known as racking. After the malolactic fermentation (we are now up to mid November), the grape varieties are blended by the Vigneron, the estate wine maker. The wine is then left to mature in casks for at least 18 mon- ths after which it is filtered and bottled. The wines remain in our cellars for a further 8 months for a final maturation.

**Ideal with:** Well-structured second courses of meat, aged cheeses, braised meat, braised cheek, stewed wild boar, Florentine steak.





At Il Borro, we strive for perfection in our vineyards making wines that draw their inspiration from our precious terroir. By selecting only the finest grapes, we create wines of great depth and enduring satisfaction.

Il Borro wines are like the first born child, well haved and refined, wines which never disappoint.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

Grape Variety
50% Merlot
35% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Syrah

Alcohol
15 % vol

Total Acidity
5 g/l

Dry Extract 28,3 g/l

pH 3,5