

2006 Ornellaia

Ornellaia, Tuscany, Italy

Product details

Vintage: 2006 Drinking: Now 2026

Producer: Ornellaia Alcohol: Region: Tuscany Variety:

Country: Italy

Tasting notes

Overall, there is a profound sense of purity and intensity - vibrant fruit supported by super ripe acidity, with haunting minerality and a ripe tannic frame. Seductive aromatics of cassis, violets and dried, almost sweet herbs lead to a palate brimming with ripe, dark, intense fruit. The sheer density of this majestic wine is deftly balanced with a core of graphite minerality and freshness. Surprisingly expressive for this stage in its evolution, but will undoubtedly mature into a wine of extreme stature for those patient enough to wait.

Reviews

This is complex and fascinating. At first taste it is like a great California Cabernet mixed with a first growth Bordeaux. Delicious licorice, mint, and currants on the palate. Full bodied, chewy, with ultra fine tannins. A gorgeous, classy wine that needs to be left in the cellar for at least 5 years. Have fun with this one after 2015. Score: 97 points James Suckling

About the producer

One of the most acclaimed Italian wineries, Tenuta dell'Ornellaia is famous for crafting some of the most sought-after wines from Bolgheri. Part of the original "Super-Tuscans", the eponymous wine, Ornellaia, is an ode to the Mediterranean character of this stretch of the Tuscan coast. Far from resting on their laurels, the winemaking team, headed by maverick estate director Axel Heinz, possess a full range of vibrant, long-lived, elegant wines that speak loudly about the potential of their unique terroir. Their range includes red wines, whites, dessert, grappa and even olive oil – all crafted with the same meticulous attention.

