

## Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Tasting



Date : Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016  
Time : 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Venue : 21/F Hong Kong Wine Vault (Tin Wan)  
No. of Attendees : 60  
Wines Tasted : 2003 Ornellaia  
2013 Ornellaia  
2013 Le Serre Nuove  
2014 Le Volte



**Tenuta dell'Ornellaia**, the iconic Italian Super Tuscan winery was founded in the 1981. Ornellaia believes that wines should be the truest expression of the terroir. From its position on the hillside close to Bolgheri, The Ornellaia estate lies

hidden in the foothills around Bolgheri that face the Mediterranean coast. The cool maritime breeze caresses this exceptional Estate and its surrounding olive groves throughout the summer months. During the winter the hills give protection from the cold northern winds. The diverse nature of the estate's soils – marine, alluvial and volcanic – coupled with the maritime climate creating a unique expression of beauty and complexity. Insist with its production philosophy in the past few decades: limited quantities to ensure maximum quality, attention to every detail, selective hand harvesting, microvinification and ageing. Ornellaia has proven to be one of Italy's greatest wines, equivalent to a 1st Growth in Bordeaux. Ornellaia is not one of Tuscany's most historic wineries, but it has become one of its most respected.



**The Project** - Ornellaia Vendemmia d'Artista celebrates the unique character of each new vintage of Ornellaia. Every year since the release of Ornellaia 2006 in May 2009, a contemporary artist creates a work of art and a series of limited edition labels drawing inspiration from the single word chosen by the Winemaker to describe the character of the new vintage. The Vendemmia d'Artista project includes a label created by the Artist for one bottle in each wooden case of Ornellaia (containing 6 x 750ml bottles) and a limited edition of 111 large size bottles (100 double magnums (3L), 10 Imperials (6L) and 1 Salmanazar (9L) each individually numbered and personally signed by the artist. Collectors around the world covet these bottles and the auction of some of them during an annual charity event raises money in support of the Arts.



*It was our pleasure to have Mr. Patrick Lachapèle (left), the Export Manager of the estate to present their premium wines to us.*

### **2014 Le Volte**

A blend of 70% Merlot, 15% Sangiovese and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon -- Fresh, a delicious bouquet of red fruit, plums and cherries on the palate. Medium-bodied, soft with silk tannins that are perfectly balanced.

### **2013 Le Serre Nuove**

A blend of 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 12% Petit Verdot -- It appears intense color, nose with lots of developments, licorice, smoky, and black fruits flavors. Medium-bodied, firm with silky textures and spicy at the end taste.

### **2013 Ornellaia**

A blend of 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 7% Petit Verdot -- The 2013 Ornellaia boasts an elegant, brilliant fruitiness and tobacco characters. With its dense color, the mouthfeel is medium to full-bodied, rich, firm and layered-textures on the finish with an overall expression of harmony and balance.

### **2003 Ornellaia**

A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot -- It offers up a succession of delicate aromas of herbs, licorice and black fruits on the nose. Rich, finesse, sweet and ripe tannins that are well-integrated. This is without question a very impressive 2003!