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2010 Cipriana • Bolgheri Superiore Doc San Martino

Rating:	Price:	Drink Date:	Producer: Cipriana
88	$43	2014 – 2018	From: Italy, Tuscany, Bolgheri Superiore
Reviewed by:	**Issue Date:**	**Source:**	**Color:** Red
Monica Larner	29th Aug 2013	208, The Wine Advocate	**Type:** Table
			Sweetness: Dry
			Variety: Proprietary Blend

The 2010 Bolgheri Superiore San Martino (75-25 Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot) opens to inky darkness and ripe aromas of blackberry marmalade. It Feels chewy, rich and packed tight with all sorts of black fruit layering. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2018. Laura Fabiani tells me her estate was acquired by her grandfather Otello who bought it directly from Count Gaddo della Gherardesca in 1975.
La Cipriana is the fourth oldest estate in Bolgheri and their first vintage of San Martina dates back to 1978. Importer: Royalty Importers, www.royaltyimporters.com

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2011 Cipriana • Bolgheri Superiore Doc San Martino

Rating:	Price:	Drink Date:	Producer: Cipriana
90	NA	2015 – 2025	From: Italy, Tuscany, Bolgheri Superiore
Reviewed by:	**Issue Date:**	**Source:**	**Color:** Red
Monica Larner	31st Oct 2014	215, The Wine Advocate	**Type:** Table
			Sweetness: Dry
			Variety: Proprietary Blend

The 2011 Bolgheri Superiore San Martino (75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Petit Verdot) is heavy on the tobacco aromas with ripe fruit, prune and plum at the back. This is a dark, baritone wine that soothes and caresses the palate thanks to the sweet nature of its oak tannins. The natural structure and acidity of the two French grapes used in the blend gives the wine enormous power and determination. Set this bottle aside for a few more years.

2012 Cipriana • Bolgheri Superiore Doc San Martino

Rating:	Price:	Drink Date:	Producer: Cipriana
90	$42	2016 – 2026	From: Italy, Tuscany, Bolgheri Superiore
Reviewed by:	**Issue Date:**	**Source:**	**Color:** Red
Monica Larner	30th Oct 2015	221, The Wine Advocate	**Type:** Table
			Sweetness: Dry
			Variety: Proprietary Blend

The 2012 Bolgheri Superiore San Martino is a very savory and spicy wine that shows large scale aromas of cured leather, spice, dark earth and tobacco. The overall effect is dark and muscular and the wine reveals firm tannins. San Martino is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Petit Verdot. The wine ferments in cement vats and is then transferred to barrique for ten months of aging. The first year this wine was produced was in 1978.

2013 Cipriana • Bolgheri Superiore Doc San Martino

Rating:	Price:	Drink Date:	Producer: Cipriana
90	$42	2017 – 2026	From: Italy, Tuscany, Bolgheri Superiore
Reviewed by:	**Issue Date:**	**Source:**	Color: Red
Monica Larner	28th Oct 2016	227, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table
			Sweetness: Dry
			Variety: Proprietary Blend

Very dark and thickly extracted, the 2013 Bolgheri Superiore San Martino reflects many of the best qualities of this balanced and well performing vintage.
The bouquet is plentiful and rich with deep layers of spice, blackberry, grilled herb and scorched earth. The mouthfeel shows some roughness, especially in terms of tannins, and would benefit from a few more years of bottle aging to find better integration.
The blend is 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Petit Verdot fermented in cement vats and aged in oak for ten months. The first vintage of this historic wine was made in 1978.

2015 Cipriana • Bolgheri Superiore Doc San Martino

Rating:	Price:	Drink Date:	Producer: Cipriana
93	$70	2019 – 2028	From: Italy, Tuscany, Bolgheri Superiore
Reviewed by:	**Issue Date:**	**Source:**	Color: Red
Monica Larner	16th May 2019	May 2019 Week 2, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table
			Sweetness: Dry
			Variety: Proprietary Blend

Now we're talking. The 2015 Bolgheri Superiore San Martino is a beautiful blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Petit Verdot (aged in barrique for 12 months), from a wonderful vintage that is intense, powerful and fruit-forward—no matter which angle you take. This is a full-force red from Bolgheri that features the soft fruity notes of the Tuscan Coast, followed by extra layering of dark fruit and spice. Some 4,000 bottles were produced.

2016 Cipriana • Bolgheri Superiore Doc San Martino

Rating:	Price:	Drink Date:	Producer: Cipriana
94	$70	2020 – 2032	From: Italy, Tuscany, Bolgheri Superiore
Reviewed by:	**Issue Date:**	**Source:**	Color: Red
Monica Larner	17th Dec 2020	Dec 2020 Week 3, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table
			Sweetness: Dry
			Variety: Proprietary Blend

A three-fourths blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and one-fourth Petit Verdot, the 2016 Bolgheri Superiore San Martino is an inky dark and brooding wine. The bouquet shows power and muscle, but it also displays unmistakable integration and elegance. The aromas are seamless with blackberry confit and plum that cede to dark spice, leather and campfire ash. There are delicate touches of crushed stone or granite to frame all the dark and luscious fruit. You can count on this wine for a generous 10-year drinking window if not more. Only 4,000 bottles were released.

2017 Cipriana • Bolgheri Superiore Doc San Martino

Rating:	Price:	Drink Date:	Producer: Cipriana
90	$70	2021 – 2030	From: Italy, Tuscany, Bolgheri Superiore
Reviewed by:	**Issue Date:**	**Source:**	Color: Red
Monica Larner	17th Dec 2020	Dec 2020 Week 3, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table
			Sweetness: Dry
			Variety: Proprietary Blend

A limited released of just 3,000 examples, the Cipriana 2017 Bolgheri Superiore San Martino (a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon supported by 25% Petit Verdot) shows an open-knit bouquet with a few oxidative or aldehydic touches that remind me of dried cherry, plum and apple skin. These ripe aromas are in line with the character of the scorching hot and dry vintage. You also feel the tightness and some of the astringency of the tannins, although it's not too bad in the case of this wine. Serve it with some braised venison.