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## Il Borghetto, Collina 21 IGP, Tuscany, Italy \*\*\*Limited Availability\*\*\*, 2017



### Producer Profile

The Azienda Agricola Il Borghetto do things differently in this most well known and established region of Italy.

Led by English winemaker Tim Manning who cut his vinous teeth with vintages in Oregon, there is a determination to show the potential of the region. As a result he is at odds with the Consorzio of Chianti Classico over his methods and approach.

### Viticulture

All the daily operations are keenly overseen by the owner, Antonio Cavallini with the help of long-term collaborator Tim Manning, a British oenologist who has worked extensively with Pinot Noir in New Zealand and above all, in Oregon. There are about twenty or so small blocks of Vineyard at Il Borghetto, each differing slightly from the other, be it in grape variety or clone, or a difference in soil type and slope aspect. They treat each one as a separate entity so that their individual characters can contribute a particular something to the final blend.

### Winemaking

Harvest by hand. Each block is fermented, pressed, racked and aged separately. Use of whole cluster. Natural yeast. Hand plunged; no pump-overs. Long fermentation maceration - on average 40 days. Free-run and pressings kept together. Wines racked and barrelled down with minimal settling. No racking during ageing.

### Tasting Note

The percentages of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Sangiovese making up the blend in Collina change slightly from year-to-year to enable them to make a soft, perfumed and easy-drinking wine. Red cherries, earthy aromas and notes of tea and tobacco.

### Food Matching

A super aperitive with good friends. If you want to remain Italian: Pasta alla Norma, Pizza Marinara and in Scotland. Haggis, neeps and tatties.

### Technical Details

#### Varieties:

Cabernet Sauvignon 60%  
Merlot 30%  
Sangiovese 10%

ABV: 14.5%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 12 x 75cl

### Oak Treatment

Time: 18 Months

Type: French oak barrels  
/ Burgundy 228L.

% wine oaked: 100

% new oak: None