

Sale Name: Fine Wines & Spirits

LOT 281 - Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Bolgheri Superiore Ornellaia 1997



Estimate \$ 300-400

Description

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Tuscany, Bolgheri Superiore

750 ml / Italy / 14% ABV

JS 97 | ST 91 | WA 95 | WS 95

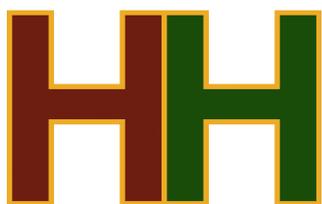
"The 1997 Ornellaia is a big, fat wine endowed with tons of fruit. Mocha, coffee beans and ripe, dark fruit emerge from the glass on a rich, opulent frame. The structural elements are easy to overlook, as the tannins are so juicy and ripe, and the fruit is incredibly intense. Simply put, everything is in the right place. Not surprisingly, 1997 is the year Ornellaia introduced their second wine, Le Serre Nuove, and the extra selection that was carried out to produce this wine has paid off big time. The 1997 is also the first Ornellaia in which Merlot is a full 30% of the blend, while Cabernet Sauvignon is 65% and Cabernet Franc is 5%. It is also the first year in which the percentage of new oak is 50%. In many ways, the 1997 is a wine that signals a move towards the more extroverted style that is common here these days. The 1997 Ornellaia, like many wines from Tuscany that year, is marked by a unique growing season that saw an April frost lower yields dramatically, followed by a hot, dry summer which concentrated the remaining fruit to a levels not seen previously. It remains a magnificent example of this Tuscan classic."

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Cellaring conditions inspected by Hall's Auction (temperature and humidity-controlled)

Quantity: 1

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