

# RUFFINO

DAL 1877

## TASTE AND BUY AT THE FINE WINE RESERVE

OCTOBER 26, 2019  
1:00 - 2:00 PM OR 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Ruffino Estate Wines invites you to join their Global Brand Ambassador Beppe D'Andrea in a tutored tasting of their premium estate wines.

*Limited spots available*



### BEPPE D'ANDREA GLOBAL BRAND AMBASSADOR

Beppe d'Andrea embodies the Italian way of life that blends a love of wine with passion for food. Beppe began his wine industry career in the early 1980s as a cellar master for several Italian wineries. Soon after, he became involved with the Slow Food movement for the Chianti Classico region, a chapter of the global grassroots organization that promotes and protects the heritage, traditions and culture of food.

In 1987, he began his career with Ruffino and has never looked back. Initially working in the vineyards, he soon joined the winemaking team. During his first season in the cellar, Beppe made white wines and later, as cellar master, he made Ruffino's Chianti Classicos and other red wines. In 1989, Beppe earned the AIS Professional Sommelier certification. In 1995, Beppe, a dynamic storyteller and enthusiast spokesperson for Ruffino and Tuscany, was tapped to be Ruffino's Brand Ambassador.

Today, as Senior Global Brand Ambassador for Ruffino, he hosts visitors from around the world when they come to visit Ruffino's estates in Tuscany. He also travels outside Italy to bring Ruffino wines and the Ruffino story to wine lovers around the world.

In his spare time, Beppe enjoys playing for Cus Firenze Rugby I Ribolliti, a local rugby team. He also loves to cook. Beppe has a passion for fresh seafood, homemade pasta and pizza, and now he is fine-tuning polpetta (a type of meatball) made with extra virgin olive oil and a pistachio crust. He also enjoys riding his motorcycle through the Tuscan hills and otherwise enjoying la bella vita Toscana.



## LIFE, WINE. VITA, VINO.

In 1877, when cousins Ilario and Leopoldo Ruffino embraced their passione for winemaking by establishing a small winery in the town of Pontassieve, near Florence, the region already had a centuries-old tradition of growing exceptional wine grapes.

Even so, the two Tuscan natives felt certain that much of the area's greatness had yet to be revealed. Tuscany had been heaped with good fortune—mineral-laden soils, the cooling influence of the Mediterranean Sea, and the dry summers that wine grapes favor. And all those luscious, sun-drenched hills.

### HILLS OF GOLD.

COLLINE D'ORO.

The Ruffino winery flourished. After a mere four years, the cousins received their first gold medal for their Chianti. Within a decade, their vini were celebrated far and wide. Within two decades, Ruffino earned gold at the Bordeaux Wine Fair.

Today, Constellation Wines carries on the tradition that Ilario and Leopoldo Ruffino began. Ruffino has evolved into the symbol of Italian lifestyle and quality, and sets the standard for fine Italian wines throughout the world.

### THROUGHOUT HISTORY, CHIANTI LEADERSHIP.

NEL CORSO DELLA STORIA, CHIANTI.

Chianti has been made in Tuscany since at least the 13th century. So it is natural that this agreeable yet distinguished wine was among the first the Ruffinos chose to make, with Ruffino being one of Chianti's early producers. By 1927, when Ruffino released the inaugural vintage of Riserva Ducale, the name Ruffino had become synonymous with Chianti. In 1984, Chianti became Italy's first DOCG (Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita). The first Chianti bottle sporting the required red band, numbered AAA 00000001, came from Ruffino.

*Enjoy the colourful stories  
from Beppe while tasting through*

## PROSECCO VALDOBBIADENE DOCG

### ALAUDA

TOSCANA 40% CABERNET FRANC, 35% MERLOT, 25% COLORINO

Produced only in exceptional vintage years, representing Ruffino's artisan approach to winemaking. Alauda is the ultimate contemporary expression of Tuscany, showcasing the unique terroir of the region through both traditional Italian and international varieties. This wine is sourced exclusively from the finest vineyards at Ruffino's acclaimed Montemasso and Poggio Casciano estates in the heart of Tuscany.

### ROMITORIO DE SANTEDAME

Meticulously selected grapes from the Ruffino Santedame estates in the finest Chianti Classico production zone, the Conca d'Oro (the "Golden Basin"), in the Castellina in Chianti municipality. The vineyard is located on a hill at 400 metres above sea level, with a unique microclimate, soil and morphology. South-facing and surrounded by woodland, the position is well ventilated and the woodland ensures day-night temperature swings, which are essential for the optimal ripening of the grapes.

### GREPPONE MAZZI

A wine Ruffino had produced since 1979...this beautiful expression of Sangiovese Grosso or "Brunello" is crafted from the finest grapes in the vineyard, hand-harvested at ideal ripeness and aged to perfection for 24 months in oak. This wine is produced at the Greppone Mazzi Estate vineyards in Montalcino.

### ORO

Produced since 1947 The Ruffino Ducale Oro is produced from grapes selected at Ruffino's Gretole, Santedame, and Casavecchia di Cagnano estates located in the heart of Castellina in Chianti. This beautiful blend of Sangiovese, Merlot and Colorino is both powerful and elegant.

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