



IPO WINES

2021 Abbatucci Cuvée Collection Blanc Diplomate d'Empire"

IMPORTED BY Kermit Lynch

COUNTRY
France

REGION
Corsica

APPELLATION
Ajaccio

SOIL TYPE
Granite

VARIETAL(S)
10% Brustiano
14% Genovese
19% Biancu Gentile
20% Rossala Bianca
37% Vermentinu

FARMING
Biodynamic

WINEMAKER
Jean-Charles Abbatucci

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

In the colorful and picturesque town of Ajaccio, capital of Corsica, you can't go far without seeing the name Abbatucci. Streets, monuments and squares bear this name - which is only natural, given that General Jean-Charles Abbatucci was a hero of the French Revolution and comrade-in-arms to another local hero, Napoleon Bonaparte. If you walk into a wine bar or restaurant, chances are you'll be served a glass of Domaine Abbatucci. The estate is run by Jean-Charles Abbatucci, a direct descendant of the general.

His wines are certified biodynamic, and he believes in following biodynamic practices to the letter, no matter how remote. Considered one of Corsica's oldest vineyards, Domaine Comte Abbatucci today extends over 21 hectares of granite-arena slopes, in the heart of the Taravo valley in southern Corsica, at an altitude of around 150 meters. Jean-Charles Abbatucci maintains a polyculture ecosystem, with flocks of sheep grazing in the vineyards, olive groves on ancient terraces and vast expanses of maquis, all with respect for the environment.

Cultivating the desire to offer the quintessence of each grape variety of which it has an ampelographic collection, initiated by Antoine Abbatucci, Jean-Charles' father, this Corsican wine estate is constantly evolving, supported by a strong commitment to research and innovation. In fact, its vines come from native grape cuttings, obtained decades ago from old farmers in the remote, mountainous interior of the island, saving several native varieties from extinction. Also to keep his vines happy, he has been known to bring a traditional violinist to his vineyards and play for their benefit. After the harvest, he plays the same music in his cellar while the grapes ferment and age. Does all this have a real effect on the wine? Taste it for yourself. Perhaps the proof is in the pudding.

WINE NOTES

Cuvée's full name is "Diplomate d'Empire - Il Cavaliere - Don-Jacques-Pascal Abbatucci" who was a childhood friend of Napoleon, and under the Empire spent several years as a diplomat in Naples. Faithful until the end, he was at Napoleon's side at the Battle of Waterloo. Blended from several parcels in the press or pressed separately, depending on the ripeness of the different grape varieties. Direct pressing of whole or destemmed grapes, depending on stalk maturity. Static settling for 24 to 48 hours. Alcoholic and malolactic fermentations in demi-muid. Aged under wood (demi-muid) and on lees for 9 months, then in stainless steel vats for 6-7 months after blending the best batches.

To the eye, this wine is limpid and brilliant with green and light golden highlights. On the nose, there are aromas of white and yellow flowers, such as chamomile, broom and lemon blossom. Fruity scents follow, with notes of peaches, mirabelle plums and ripe melons. On the palate, the attack is lively and frank, well-balanced with the ample, silky texture of this solar vintage. This intense wine coats the palate with aromas of ripe, sweet yellow fruit, spicy notes and peppery bitterness.

The nose is intense with aromas of ripened yellow and exotic fruits with a touch of marquis fragrances. A full-bodied white wine with excellent freshness.

"The Diplomate blanc is from the original Corsican varietal holdouts that spawned the revolution. The Diplomate is rich, exotic, and appealing—a monument to the grandeur of the forgotten Corsican varietals." - Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant

