



IPO WINES

2022 Abbattucci 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% Bianco Gentile
20% Rossala Bianca
37% Vermentinu

FARMING
Biodynamic

WINEMAKER
Jean-Charles Abbattucci



ABOUT THE PRODUCER

In the colorful, picturesque city of Ajaccio, capital of Corsica, you can't get very far without seeing the name Abbattucci. There are streets, monuments and plazas that carry the name, which is normal given that General Jean-Charles Abbattucci was a hero of the French Revolution and comrade in arms of another local hero, Napoléon Bonaparte. Step into a wine bar or a restaurant there, chances are these days they'll pour you a glass of Domaine Abbattucci. The domaine is run by Jean-Charles Abbattucci, a direct descendant of the General, who has now become a local hero of another kind—for providing the local populace with its most sought-after libation.

Corsicans are proud defenders of their traditions and environment, and with Abbattucci they indulge guilt-free. His wines are certified biodynamic, and he believes in following even the most far-out biodynamic practices to the letter. On his large estate south of Ajaccio he keeps a pristine poly-culture ecosystem in place, complete with herds of sheep foraging through his vines, groves of olive trees on ancient terraces, and large swaths of untouched forests. His vines come from cuttings of indigenous grapes, sourced decades ago high up in the isolated and mountainous interior of the island from elderly peasant farmers, effectively saving several native varieties from extinction. To keep his vines happy, he's known to bring a traditional violinist to his vineyards and play for their benefit. After the harvest he'll treat his cellar to the same music as his grapes ferment and come of age. All part of the terroir, he says. Does all this have an actual effect on the wine? Have a taste for yourself. The proof just might be in the pudding.

WINE NOTES

Manual sorting in boxes. Systematic sorting of the harvest in the vineyard and in the cellar. Direct pressing in the whole harvest. Static settling from 24 to 48 hours. Alcoholic fermentation in 600L demi-muid. Aging on total lees for 9 months then in vats for 2 months after assembling the best batches. Bonding if necessary and natural tartaric stabilization by keeping it cold. Light filtration at bottling if necessary. Aging in bottle for at least 6 months.

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