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Cabernet vs Cabernet: Italy's tale of two French grapes

From their beginnings in Italy 150 years ago, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc have become central components of some of the country's most important and recognisable red wines. Isobel Salamon investigates how Italian winemakers are managing these noble varieties in the face of contemporary issues such as climate change and changing tastes.



Italy might be renowned for its ancient varieties, but two noble French interlopers, **Cabernet Sauvignon** and **Cabernet Franc**, now contribute to some of Italy's most prestigious wines, telling a fascinating story of adaptation and evolving identity.

The pair, commonly referred to simply as 'Cabernet' in blends, has become a hot topic in Italian wine circles.

Recent decades have shown clear shifts in preference – Cabernet Sauvignon dominated the 2000s, while Cabernet Franc rose to prominence in the 2010s with consumers favouring its vibrancy, acidity, and floral characteristics.



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Le Macchiole, Paleo, Toscana, Tuscany, Italy 2021



Producer	Le Macchiole
Brand	Paleo
Vintage	2021
Wine Type	Still
Colour	Red
Country	Italy
Region	Tuscany
Appellation	Toscana
Sweetness	Dry
Closure	Cork
Body	Full
Oak	Oaked
Grapes	100% Cabernet Franc