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94 pts

La Piana 2016 Aleatico Passito Cristino

Capraia, Tuscany

Sweet Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2017 - 2021

Luminous red. Aromas of wild strawberry, red cherry, cinnamon, vineyard peach, and pink flowers. A sweet explosion of floral red fruits and sweet spices follows through in the rich, suave mouth, firmed by a suggestion of orchard fruit pit. Penetrating and perfumed on the very sweet (240g/L r.s.) and very long finish. Remarkably well balanced (the extremely high but harmonious 9.8g/L total acidity allows this super-sweet to convey a very light on its feet quality), this wine from the beautiful but little-known island of Capraia off the Tuscan coast is an absolute knockout. Made from organically farmed grapes air-dried for 14 days. Will work equally well with a plum crumble or a chocolate cake.

Ian D'Agata. Tasting date: July 2017

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Grape/Blend

Aleatico

Release price

Not Available

