



2012 SAGGI
Columbia Valley
Ambrogio and Giovanni Folonari

The Folonaris are among Italy's oldest and most prestigious Tuscan wine families with a winemaking history dating back to the late 1700s.

Tasting Notes: Aromas of red currants and ripe wild strawberries introduce a wine with bright and lively character. Fresh red berry flavors, a delicate floral note and vibrant acidity add balance to the mid-palate, which echoes across a lengthy finish.

Vintage: After two cooler than average vintages, the 2012 Columbia Valley growing season was "normal," producing pure, expressive wines with excellent color and bright flavors. Early spring days were warm; April conditions were near perfect, then temperatures cooled considerably in May and June before warming for the summer and remaining consistent through harvest. Small berries loaded with intense flavor matured beautifully, yielding generous flavors and ripe, balanced tannins in the finished wine.

Winemaking: Handpicked grapes fermented in small, two-ton fermenters underwent gentle pumpovers and an extended maceration of approximately 30 days to extract richness and texture from the grapes. The wine was aged 18 months in French oak barrels, 55% new, to enhance the intensity of the fruit and fully integrate the flavors.

Vineyards: The 2012 Saggi is a blend of two outstanding Washington Sangiovese vineyards. Candy Mountain Sangiovese, planted in 1998, gives the wine its ripe, red fruit character. Dick Boushey's Yakima Valley Sangiovese, planted in 1993, adds vibrancy and liveliness. Because Cabernet Sauvignon has the potential to overtake Sangiovese, the Folonaris work closely with Sagemoor Vineyards, carefully selecting grapes from prized blocks planted in 1972 to deliver Cabernet with elegant character and refined tannins that added complexity without overshadowing the Sangiovese. A small amount of Bacchus Vineyard Syrah adds color and complexity.

Blend: 59% Sangiovese
33% Cabernet Sauvignon
8% Syrah

Alcohol: 14.9%
pH: 3.51
TA: 0.60 grams/100ml
Release date: September 2014
Production: 1,472 cases