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**Tenuta di Capezzana Villa di
Capezzana di Carmignano DOCG -
2017**

wine review online

PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

Contini Bonacossi Family

Winemaker:

Benedetta Contini Bonacossi

Winery Founded:

804

Region:

Tuscany

The Carmignano wine region is west of Florence in central Italy, where they have hot days and cool nights, and lime-rich, free-draining soils. The region has gotten a lot of support from the Medici family. In the mid-1500s, long before Super Tuscan became a thing, Catherine de' Medici brought Cabernet Sauvignon to Tuscany. It was one of many wedding gifts from her marriage to Henri II of France. According to *The Untold Story of Chianti* by Bill Nasto MW and Frances Di Savino, Cosimo III de' Medici created Italy's first legally defined wine regions of Carmignano, Chianti, Pomino, and Val di Sopra in 1716. Carmignano became a DOC in 1975 and a DOCG in 1990. The Carmignano appellation has a minimum requirement of 50% of Sangiovese for reds, but Capezzana's

wine contains 80% blended with 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. It is aged for 12 months in a combination of new and used French *tonneaux* and untoasted Allier or Slavonian oak barrels. Its color is dark ruby with aromas of black cherry and blackberry with a whiff of fresh mint. It is medium bodied with intense, flavors of black fruits, cherry, plum and currant supported by crisp acidity and chewy tannins.
- *Rebecca Murphy*