

# 2017 Galardi product-pdf - Terra di Lavoro - 96/95 point Italian Blockbuster - Over \$30 OFF!

## Why We're Drinking It

The family-owned Galardi estate produces just one wine and it does so with perfection. Located on volcanic slopes in northwestern Campania, the vineyards are nestled among chestnut groves and benefit from Mediterranean Sea breezes. Terra di Lavoro actually means "land of work" in Italian, a name that has historical roots, but also accurately reflects the difficult volcanic soil composition which results in very low yields. In this challenging environment, Aglianico and its supporting grape Piediroso produce wines of incredible depth, complexity and elegance.

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We have about 10 cases of this rare wine to offer you -- first come, first served!

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## Tasting Notes

The wine is deep purple in color with smoky, earthy aromas and seductive hints of tobacco and graphite. Notes of ripe black cherries, cassis, tobacco and leather come through on the palate of this big-structured, full-bodied wine.

### VARIETAL

Aglianico

### APPELLATION

Campania, Italy

### ALCOHOL

14.50

### SIZE

750ml

### BLEND

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## Ratings

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### Vinous, 95 points

*"The 2017 Terra di Lavoro is wonderfully seductive in its youthful state, wafting up from the glass effortlessly, with a bouquet that mixes wild blueberries and black raspberries with sweet lavender, violet florals, and smoky spiced citrus. The 2017 takes hold of the palate with salty minerality, but not before coating everything it touches with luxurious, velvety textures, cascading ripe black fruits across the senses, and leaving a purple floral tinge. Grippy tannins frame the long and dramatic finish, resonating on dark fruits, savory spice, and lingering florals. There is really so much going on here that it's hard to focus on just one thing; but if nothing else, it's the salty grip of the 2017 Terra di Lavoro that boggles the mind, brimming up over the wine's intense dark fruit. Lose this for a decade in the cellar and marvel once it's unearthed."*

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