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### Toscana

Owner: Andre Esteves

Website: [www.argiano.net](http://www.argiano.net)

Winemaker: Hans Vinding-Diers

In 1581, at the summit of a hill, south-west of Montalcino, the Villa of Argiano was built among vineyards and olive groves. Over the centuries, this estate has been owned by important families such as the Buonsignori, Albizzeschi, Tolomei, Montanini, Sozzini, Colombini, Ugurgieri, and Pecci families. In 1992, the Countess Noemi Marone Cinzano acquired the estate and sought to improve the propriety's winemaking under the oenological guidance of the famous winemaker Giacomo Tachis. This project strove to achieve the highest standards of quality and resulted in Tachis' creation of the exceptional Solengo, a Bordeaux blend that exudes its privileged Montalcino terroir. Today, Adriano Bambagioni, Argiano's supervising cellar master for over 20 years, and the world-renowned Danish winemaker Hans Vinding-Diers guarantee the quality and reputation of the Argiano estate. In 2013, the estate was purchased by Andre Esteves, who has left the winemaking team intact and redoubled efforts on continue the long-standing tradition of Argiano.

The estate expands over 250 acres with 125 acres under vine. The vineyards enjoy year-round southern exposure and eocenic soil formed by marl limestone and clay in some areas. The constant breeze from Maremma to the west provides the ventilation in the vineyards needed to prevent disease during the growing season. At over 1,000 feet above sea level, the vineyards experience regular night cooling which assists in the steady ripening of the grapes.

In 2013, Andre Esteve and a group of passionate Brazilian investors purchased the estate in order to preserve this historic property and refocus efforts on the cultivation of terroir-driven wines.

