



2007 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: Fresh, bright fruit combines with delicate notes of ripe, wild strawberry and well-integrated wood spice. A slight earthiness enhances the wine's complexity and flavor. Silky in texture with a lengthy finish.

Vintage: The Columbia Valley experienced an unusual heat wave in the spring of 2007 just before bloom that resulted in smaller-than-average berries, adding concentration and flavor to the grapes. Good set after bloom, ideal summer conditions and a mild September marked by warm days and cool nights allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly, resulting in wines distinctive for their excellent natural acidity and deep, intense flavor.

Winemaking: Hand-picked grapes were fermented in two-ton tanks, with particular care given to the Sangiovese, a delicate grape that requires gentle handling to avoid green character. To add richness on the mid-palate, the Folonaris extended Sangiovese maceration on the skins for 25 - 35 days. The wine was aged 18 months in 55% new French oak barrels, with the used barrels selected to enhance the wine's fruit character and allow the Sangiovese to express itself.

Vineyards: Giovanni Folonari is a frequent visitor to the Columbia Valley and has quickly found the vineyards that allow him to craft a wine that combines Columbia Valley *terroir* with Tuscan style. Relying on vineyards that have been the primary source of this wine in previous vintages, Giovanni selected Sangiovese predominately grown in the Horse Heaven Hills for its balance and bright fruit character. Horse Heaven Cabernet Sauvignon, from Alder Ridge Vineyard and The Benches, adds complexity and earthiness. Yakima Valley Syrah contributes to the wine's balance and freshness.

Alcohol: 14.6%

pH: 3.75

TA: 0.58 grams / 100ml

Blend: 43% Sangiovese
36% Cabernet Sauvignon
21% Syrah

Release date: October 2009

Production: 2,145 cases