



Poggio Anima
 'Belial'
 Sangiovese
 Toscana - Italy 2017

A collaboration between famed Brunello di Montalcino producer Riccardo Campinoti and his importer from Vine Street Imports, Ronnie Sanders, whose wines attract as much attention for what's on the label as what's in the bottle. Poggio Anima is designed to over-deliver for its modest price point.

One of the four crown princes of all demons. Roughly translated to 'without yoke' in Hebrew and known to . It is believed that Belial is the purest definition of 'lawlessness.' The correlation is that much of what has come to be known as 'Supertuscans' or 'IGT' is simply lawless. People blending international varietals with indigenous varietals, etc. That is not the case here though.

The 'Belial' is the wine that started Poggio Anima nine vintages ago. Though the vineyard source has changed over that period of time, the quality has only improved. This is 100% Sangiovese sourced from a single vineyard near Siena, in the Chianti Colli Senesi zone. The 'Belial' puts the 'super' in Supertuscan and certainly at this price. Winemaker, Riccardo Campinoti is a firm believer that the wine is made in the vineyard and when he found this one with mature vines (25-45 years of age) he knew he had something special.

The 2017 vintage was characterized by a mild spring with dry conditions, producing another early flowering like '16. Spring into summer was easily characterized as extremely dry and extremely hot. Temperatures reached near record levels in July. The good news of this 'seasonal drought' was that the grapes were disease-free but yields were drastically lower than anything in recent memory (down 40% from the already small '16 harvest). August brought a marked cool front that brought temps more in line with the usual. Quality was very high...there just isn't much wine.

The grapes were hand harvested and fermented whole berry including 20 days of skin contact to extract color but not too much tannin. Fermentation, both alcoholic and malolactic occurred in stainless steel tank and the wine rested in tank with a small percentage seeing neutral wood for an additional eight months prior to bottling.

Composition
 100% Sangiovese

Soil Type
 Pliocene Rocky Red Clay

Yields
 3 tons per acre

Vine Age
 26 to 46 years old

Élevage
 9 Months: 90% Stainless Steel – 10% Slavonian Botti

Production
 10,000 cases

Tasting Notes

“ Dark ruby. Aromas of iris, rosemary & lavender, bright red cherries and mint explode from the glass. The youthful, easygoing palate offers juicy cherry, white pepper and clove hints alongside pliant tannins. This is a spot-on value that will drink well over the next couple of years. ”

Reviews
 None