

## FROM THE VINE



Release: 2019 Cert (UK): 12

Country: Italy and Canada

Language: In English and Italian with English subtitles

**Runtime:** 1 hour 37 mins **Director:** Sean Cisterna

Written by: Willem Wennekers from the novel by Kenneth Canio Cansellera

**Cinematography:** Scot McClellan

Cast: Jo Pantoliano, Paula Brancati, Marco Leonardi



Wine is now the most drunk alcohol in the UK (official); it is Christmas when we might all be tempted to have a drop more; and in this season of good will, we thought a 'feel good' comedy about wine-making would be just what we needed to finish off our season!

Jo Pantoliano, better known for his tough guy roles gets to lead here as Marco, the CEO of a Canadian company. 'At the beginning of the movie Marco impulsively quits his job, taking the moral high ground on an ethical issue with his Canadian company's board. He books a ticket to Italy, where he left aged six for a better life in the US – though, of course, the lesson coming his way is that what a better life actually entails is the simple pleasure

of sitting under a tree peeling an orange with a penknife while wearing a handkerchief as a makeshift hat' – Cath Clarke, Guardian.

Once in Italy, knowing nothing about wine-making, he decides, of course, to try to re-open the vineyard he inherited from his grandfather. This being a feelgood movie, I will only give you one guess how that goes!

Sean Cisterna has directed a number of films, but none have really been seen much outside of his Canadian homeland. This was made pre-covid and has become a hit on the festival circuit. Don't think too much about it, just sit back and enjoy the good times!

