



SAN POLO

MONTALCINO

Rosso di Montalcino 2011

DOC



Grape varieties

100% Sangiovese



Vineyard

Vineyard Rossa and vineyard d'Oriente

Altitude

430 - 450 metres (1,411 - 1,476 feet)
above sea level

Exposure

South/Southeast

Soil characteristic

Rich in calcium and clay

Training system

Spurred cordon

Planting dates

2000

Density

7,000 vines/hectare (2,832 vines/acre)

Yield

4900 kg/hectare



Harvest

Grapes are hand harvested in small 17 kg crates during the last days of September

Vinification

Soft pressing of the grapes after careful selection of the bunches

Fermentation

In concrete tanks

Fermentation temperature

28/30°C (82/86°F)

Length of fermentation

14/16 days

Malolactic fermentation

In large barrels - 2000 L and 4000 L

Ageing

12 months in lightly-toasted large barrels (2000 L and 4000 L). Bottle-aged before market release



Vintage 2011 had a slow start with a cool spring and frequent showers. The lower than average temperatures for the time of year continued until July and up until that point the vintage could easily have been considered a cool one. However, from mid-August through to the beginning of September, high pressure over the African continent brought temperatures well above 38°C (100°F). Fortunately, at San Polo the vines were able to access sufficient water reserves to avoid stress. These conditions were completely different to the intense hot weather of 2003 and the overall cool weather in 2002: this vintage is more similar to vintage 2000, which started in a similar way, with generally lower temperatures followed by a short but intense increase in temperature during August.



Complex ruby red color, limpid and brilliant. On the nose, scent of small fresh fruits and light morello cherry together with hints of blackberry and black cherries followed by a pleasant hint of vanilla. Good intensity and fragrance. On the palate it is warm, soft, with medium structure and balanced tannins. The wine is harmoniously dry, dynamic, and fresh with a good aromatic persistence.



Pairs best with typical Tuscan dishes of pure and straightforward flavours, like pasta and risotto with mushrooms or truffles, pork, grilled meat, and medium-aged cheeses.
Serve in large balloon glasses at around 18° C (64° F).



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