



SAN POLO

MONTALCINO

Rosso di Montalcino 2013

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



The number of clusters was ideal and not excessive. A cool, wet spring delayed flowering by a few days, thus delaying the expected harvest period by at least one week. An ideal summer that was hot but never scorching allowed veraison to proceed evenly and quickly. The bunches were sparse and well positioned and there was no need for thinning except in some areas of more vigorous than average growth. September began with abundant rainfall which cooled down the vineyards and replenished water reserves, thus enabling the Sangiovese grapes to achieve full ripeness. The beginning of the harvest, in the last few days of September, took place in ideal conditions. Fresh, almost cold nights allowed the grapes to reach the cellar at low temperatures, while the warm, sunny days enabled the later-ripening vineyards to ripen fully. This vintage was a bit 'old style', with a decidedly late-harvest compared to the norm in recent years. Even the wines are reminiscent of a more traditional style: acidity, finesse and elegance are the characteristics that this vintage will be remembered for, which is also perfectly suited to prolonged ageing.



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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