



Rubio 2012

TOSCANA IGT



Grape varieties

85% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc



Vineyard

San Polo

Altitude

300-450 metres (984-1,476 feet) above sea level

Exposure

South/Southeast and South/Southwest

Soil characteristic

Rich in calcium and clay

Training system

Spurred cordon

Planting dates

2000 – 2004

Density

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

Yield

6300 kg/hectare



Harvest

Grapes are harvested by hand in small 17 kg crates during the second half of September

Vinification

After careful selection of the bunches, soft pressing of the grapes and cryomaceration prior to fermentation

Fermentation

In tapered refrigerated stainless steel tanks

Fermentation temperature

28/30°C (82/86°F)

Length of fermentation

5/6 days

Malolactic fermentation

In stainless steel tanks

Ageing

10 months in stainless steel tanks, 4 months in bottle



After quite a harsh winter that also saw some heavy snowfall – advantageous for the accumulation of underground water reserves – the spring was relatively warm, in accordance with seasonal norms. The beginning of the growing season occurred around 10th - 20th April, in line with the average in the area. The summer was very hot with little rainfall, so in some cases the vineyards were pushed to the limit in terms of the proper development of the growing phase. The rainfall in late summer and early September restored the vines' balance and created the best conditions for the most important phase of ripening for Sangiovese. The grapes developed excellent properties, both from a health point of view and from the point of view of their analytical characteristics. The weather during September was good and very balanced: rainfall brought cool temperatures – especially at night – while the days were warm and sunny thereby fostering ideal ripening of the grapes.



Rubio has a brilliant ruby red colour with purple hues. Intensely fruity aromas, with notes of cherry, violet, and black currant, followed by spicy notes. Well structured and balanced, with pleasant tannins and great aromatic persistence. The sensations of berries and cherries, typical of the variety, give it great drinkability, in addition to considerable intensity and elegance.



cherry



strawberry



violet



raspberry



blackberry



This wine expresses all the radiance and directness of a Sangiovese from Montalcino counting on freshness; it is perfect by the glass, thanks to its versatility, and ideal for outdoor barbecues. Delicious when paired with various kinds of cold cuts, pasta, sausages and grilled meats, medium-aged cheeses such as the famous Tuscan pecorino. Excellent immediately, it does not fear brief cellar ageing. Serve at a temperature of 16° C (61° F).