



# SAN POLO

MONTALCINO

## Rubio 2017

TOSCANA IGT



### Grape varieties

100% Sangiovese



### Vineyard

San Polo

### Exposure

South/Southeast and South/Southwest

### Training system

Spurred cordon

### Density

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



### Harvest

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

### Fermentation

In tapered refrigerated stainless steel tanks

### Length of fermentation

5/6 days

### Ageing

10 months in stainless steel tanks, 4 months in bottle

### Altitude

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

### Soil characteristic

Rich in calcium and clay

### Planting dates

2000 – 2004

### Yield

6300 kg/hectare

### Vinification

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

### Fermentation temperature

28/30°C (82/86°F)

### Malolactic fermentation

In stainless steel tanks



### Alcohol content

14.08% Vol

### Total acidity

5.67 g/l

### Residual sugars

1 g/l

### Dry extract

30.5 g/l

### Free SO<sub>2</sub>

30 mg/l

### Total SO<sub>2</sub>

87 mg/l

### pH

3.52



Difficult vintages are said to reveal the true potential of the best terroirs, and never has this been more true than in the 2017 vintage in Montalcino. The winter was mild and very dry, as was the spring. This led to budding about two weeks earlier than normal. The frost that hit the area in the middle of April caused enormous damage across much of Europe, but thanks to the location of San Polo's vineyards, with their southern exposure, 450-metre altitude and abundant air circulation, our vines suffered no damage. The summer that followed was marked by elevated temperatures and almost no rainfall, which created difficult conditions for the vines. Again, at this stage, we were able to appreciate the advantages of a particularly well-suited vine growing area, which treated us to daytime breezes and excellent day-night temperature variations, creating conditions that relieved the vines, which showed no symptoms of drought or heat-related stress. The rain that fell between the end of August and the beginning of September, not only restored the land's water reserves, but it also gave the final 'go ahead' for the most important stage in the ripening of Sangiovese, the last month before harvesting.



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).

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