

  
**FRESCOBALDI**  
TOSCANA

## Lamaione 2019



Formati

Bordelaise (0.75 l), Magnum (1.5 l)

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Toscana IGT

In the 1970s, driven by the courage essential to every entrepreneur, we planted the first Merlot shoots in unusually clay-rich terrain. This was a major challenge that resulted in the creation in 1991 of Lamaione, a solitary horseman, proud and powerful, riding through Montalcino.



## Climatic trend

The 2019 season turned out to be very variable. While winter was characterized by below-average temperatures with low rainfall that had a rather anomalous distribution, spring made up for the water deficit. Especially in May, due to the lowering of temperatures accompanied by abundant rainfall, there was a slowdown in the vine's growth cycle. For these reasons, budding that began in line with vine phenology was slightly delayed. June then turned out to be a very hot month, followed by a summer in which there was no shortage of rainfall and temperatures were average for Ilkinese summers. A year in which ripening occurred without any particular surge. Finally, ripening was delayed by about a fortnight making the harvest time fall back into a period more related to tradition.

## Vinification and ageing

The Lamaione vineyard is located at an elevation of 300 meters above sea level, on marine clay soils and southwest exposure. Merlot grapes were carefully selected and harvested by hand in boxes. Once at the winery destemming was followed by manual sorting of the berries. Fermentation was carried out in temperature-controlled steel tanks. Then the wine was aged for 24 months in 80% new French oak barriques; this was followed by an additional 12 months of aging in bottle. At the end of this process, Lamaione 2019 turned out ready to win over the most demanding palates, thanks to a particularly favorable season.

## Tasting notes

Lamaione 2019 benefited from a vintage with the right amount of water, a particularly rich and complex expression of this extraordinary wine, as always powerful, intense and complex. To the eye it is a very intense and impenetrable ruby red. The nose begins with rich scents of ripe cherry, blueberry and black plum, followed by pleasant notes of dark chocolate, graphite, rhubarb, mint and licorice. The very long finish is reminiscent of freshly roasted arabica coffee with balsamic memories. The palate is warm, very tannic, but never astringent, thanks to its generous body. In the retro-olfactory cocoa returns to take over flanked by mint and other balsamic herbs. The persistence is extremely long.