

## Montesodi 1996



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Chianti Rufina DOCG

A cru selection with its initial vintage in 1974, Montesodi is made only in exceptional growing years. It is produced from Sangiovese grown in the Montesodi vineyard, which, at 400 metres' elevation, has always been regarded as the finest on the Tenuta for growing Sangiovese. It yields a rich, intense wine of remarkable aromas.



## Climatic trend

The Spring and Summer season of 1996 were particularly favorable for the vegetative development of the vines in Tuscany. Flowering, budding and fruit set all occurred 15 days earlier than usual. When rains during the beginning of October threatened to compromise the promising vintage, we took the necessary precautions to assure the health of grapes: defoliation, pruning of excess grapes and a regular control of potential diseases.

## Technical notes

**Origin:** Castello di Nipozzano, Pèlago

**Altimetry:** 400 m (1312 feet)

**Surface:** 20 hectares in the Montesodi vineyard (49 Acres)

**Exposure:** Southwest

**Soil typology:** Dry and stony, with clay, limestone, well drained, poor in organic matter

**Plant density:** Part 3,000 vines/hectare and part 5,850 vines/hectare

**Breeding:** Guyot

**Vineyard age:** 16 years

**Wine Variety:** Sangiovese

**Maceration Time:** 30 days, including alcoholic fermentation

**Malolactic Fermentation:** Immediately after the alcoholic fermentation

**Ageing containers:** Barriques of French oak: 1/3 new, the rest used

**Ageing time:** At least 12 months

## Tasting notes

**Wine pairing:** Roast or grilled lamb, game birds (pheasant), pan-fried beef.

## Awards

Gambero Rosso: Three glasses

