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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

At the estate of Castello di Nipozzano in Chianti Rufina the spring freeze did not affect the vineyards. The Sangiovese vines, which are grown in the highest part of the estate were completely unaffected; the late bloom, which is typical of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, saved these varieties. Because the grapes matured more quickly than usual, they offer concentrated sugar, rich colors, and delicious tannins.

## 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 of skin contact, including alcoholic fermentation, with periodici rimontaggi, to obtain more color and softer tannins

**Malolactic Fermentation:** Immediately after the alcoholic fermentation, with indigenous bacteria, in French oak casks.

**Ageing containers:** Barriques of French oak, 1/3 new, the rest used. The fine grain wood of the casks we choose are more respectful of the grapes' personality, and produce more balanced wines

**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

AI S Duemilavini: 5 grappoli

Wine Spectator: 91 points