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Toscana IGT

This is the great wine of the Castello, from the vineyard Mormoreto planted in 1976. The first vintage was from the 1983 harvest, and since then has been produced only in the most favourable years. It was not produced from the harvests of 1984, 1987, 1989, 1992, 1998 or 2002. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot, planted 150 years ago, have, over time, formed an intimate bond with this terroir and now bring out all of its unique qualities. It is a wine of great depth, opulent and refined, that you can cellar for many years.



## Climatic trend

The grapes were harvested in perfect condition, with high concentrations of sugars and polyphenols. Spring experienced some rainy periods, then sun-filled days, while scattered rains marked early summer, warding off excessive dryness and heat stress in the vines. For the Cabernet Sauvignon, a late-ripening variety, it was a 5 star vintage, with the type of structure and body, spice and fruit classic to this grape. For Merlot, it was a very early harvest, and the harvested grapes were very ripe, and rich in fruit aromas.

## Technical notes

**Origin:** Mormoreto vineyard, Pelago

**Altimetry:** from 250m to 300m (from 820 to 985 feet)

**Surface:** 25 Ha in the Mormoreto vineyard (61 Acres)

**Exposure:** South

**Soil typology:** 1) terrain rich in sand, well drained. Fair presence of calcium. PH neutral or slightly alkaline. 2) terrain of limestone, rich in clay and very well supplied with calcium. "White" grounds. Rich in surface stones, PH alkaline.

**Plant density:** More than 5,800 vines/Ha

**Breeding:** Spur pruned cordon

**Vineyard age:** On the average more than 20 years

**Wine Variety:** Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Merlot 25%, Cabernet Franc 15%

**Alcohol content:** 13,50%

**Maceration Time:** 15 days in stainless steel vats, at temperature below 35°C, followed by maceration on the skins for 13 days

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

**Ageing containers:** New French Oak barriques

**Ageing time:** 24 months in French new oak barriques and 6 months in the bottle

# Tasting notes

Color: Intense steel like concentrated ruby red with violet reflections. Aroma: Bouquet of fruits of the forrest, in particular blackberry giving a unique scent with a lingering enhancement of leather and tobacco. Taste: The palate experiences a enveloping of the mouth with good consistency and a persistent lingering finish.

**Wine pairing:** Terrific partner with any long-cooked meat dish, such as marinades, pot roasts, and stews. Delicious with aged cheeses.