



**MONTEVERRO**

*Toscana*

## TERRA DI MONTEVERRO

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<b>VINTAGE:</b>	2012
<b>BLEND:</b>	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Cabernet Franc, 15% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot
<b>DENOMINATION:</b>	IGT Toscana rosso
<b>REGION:</b>	Maremma, Tuscany

### TASTING NOTES

<b>COLOR:</b>	Dark black ruby with touches of mashed strawberries on the rim.
<b>ON THE NOSE:</b>	Great balance between spiciness of earl grey, tarragon with touches of dark fruit like black cherries and cassis, chalk, after eight, réglisse and sun dried tomatoes.
<b>ON THE PALATE:</b>	Soft entrance evolving on framed tannins with fresh ripe fruit like boysenberries lingering on fresh herbs.

### VINIFICATION

<b>WINEMAKING:</b>	Each lot fermented separately Fermentation in stainless steel and barrel Natural fermentations, 100% gravity, punch downs by hand
<b>AGING:</b>	20 months in French oak barrels with 60% new oak
<b>BOTTLING:</b>	No fining, no filtering

### VINEYARD

<b>SOIL:</b>	Clay and limestone with eroded stones
<b>PLANTATION:</b>	7,575 vines/ha oriented north/south
<b>HARVEST:</b>	Hand picking and harvest date adapted to each section of a parcel
<b>YIELD:</b>	40 hl/ha

### VINTAGE COMMENTS

In Tuscany the winter rain is very important to refill the water table but winter 2011/2012 was one of the driest in Monteverro history. Tuscany had less than 250 mm of rain between October of 2011 and March of 2012. The average rainfall is normally about 600 mm. Because the soils were dry, they needed less time to warm up, and therefore, bud-break was quite early (March, 28th). A dry spring led the vine to produce fewer and smaller berries. In addition, the average temperature was lower than normal which helped the vine limit its evaporation and transpiration. The summer followed the same pattern as the season with few rains and moderate temperatures. These conditions and low yields accelerated the ripening process and gave a great balance between acidity and fruit. The grapes of Merlot were harvested from the 21st to the 30th of August. On September 2nd and 4th, we had a 50 mm rain that helped soften the tannins of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot that were still on the vines. It was a blessing in disguise.

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