



MONTEVERRO

Toscana

CHARDONNAY

VINTAGE:	2013
BLEND:	100% Chardonnay
DENOMINATION:	IGT Toscana Chardonnay
REGION:	Maremma, Tuscany
PRODUCTION:	4550 Bottles

TASTING NOTES

COLOR:	Bright yellow gold with hints of silver on the rim.
ON THE NOSE:	Explosion of toasted brioche with caramel, mocca, banana, pineapple lingering on vanilla and grapefruit.
ON THE PALATE:	Round but fresh entrance evolving on citrus, blood orange, straw, granite lingering on quince and lime.

VINIFICATION

WINEMAKING:	Each lot fermented separately, whole cluster pressing, natural fermentations, aging on fine lees, 100% gravity
AGING:	50% spent 14 months in French oak barrels with 40% new oak, the remaining 50% aged in concrete eggs
BOTTLING:	No fining, light filtration

VINEYARD

SOIL:	Clay and limestone
PLANTATION:	7575 vines/ha oriented east/west
HARVEST:	Handpicked and harvest date adapted to each section of the Chardonnay parcels
YIELD:	40 hl/ha

VINTAGE COMMENTS

A very exceptional event occurred in November 2012, with more than 400 mm of rain in 48 hours. This kind of event cannot refill the water reserve because most of it has no time to penetrate the soil, but it explains how tough the climate can be in the Mediterranean area with long periods of dryness and terrific storms. Fortunately, it did not cause damage in the vineyard, the soils were correctly covered with crops and porous enough to limit the erosion. The picture would be incomplete without mentioning a total winter precipitation of 1200 mm until bud break, so finally we can say all water reserves were refilled before the growing season. The rest of the season was much more restful, with only 150 mm from April to October. We had a very even bud break (first half of April) and flowering (second half of May) but quite a small amount of grapes. This can be explained by the last 2 seasons of intense dryness. Therefore, the most natural way for the plant to react is to produce less grapes. The summer arrived slowly and we had just 10 days of intense warmth at the beginning of August, so the veraison occurred in optimal conditions. The harvest of the Chardonnay lasted from the 16th to 20th of August.

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