

# **CHARDONNAY**

VINTAGE: 2009

BLEND: 100% Chardonnay

DENOMINATION: IGT Toscana bianco

REGION: Maremma, Tuscany

**PRODUCTION:** 3170 Bottles

## **TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR:** Brilliant, shiny yellow gold with hints of white gold on the rim.

**ON THE NOSE:** Explosion of pear, quince, vanilla, butter and granite, balanced with touches of

white truffles, exotic fruits and Cajun nuts.

**ON THE PALATE:** Fresh entrance evolving quickly on minerality, quinine, grapefruit and

blood orange, lingering on vanilla ice cream and crème brûlée.

### **VINIFICATION**

**WINEMAKING:** Every lot vinified separately

Whole cluster pressing

Natural fermentations

Aging on fine lees with batonnage

100 % gravity

**AGING:** 14 months in French oak barrels

with 30 % of new oak

**BOTTLING:** *No fining, light filtration* 

#### **VINEYARD**

**SOIL:** *Clay and limestone* 

**PLANTATION:** 7575 vines/ha oriented east/west

**HARVEST:** Hand picking and harvest date adapted

to each section of a parcel

YIELD: 40 hl/ha

## **VINTAGE COMMENTS**

The very rainy winter gave the coming season the crucial water to fill the hydric stock of the soil. The budding was quite early (24th of March) and the moderate weather continued until the end of May, which resulted in perfect flowering. In June, we had two violent storms, but we were fortunate enough to have no damage in the vineyards. The difficult weather was followed by a long dry period until harvest.

The Chardonnay grapes were picked between the 24th and the 28th of August, in perfect condition.

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