



## MORMORETO 2014

Denomination Toscana, IGT

Description This is the great wine of Castello Nipozzano, from the vineyard Mormoreto planted in 1976. The first vintage was from the 1983 harvest, and since then it has only been produced in the most favourable years. It was not produced from the harvests of 1984, 1987, 1989, 1992, 1998 and 2002. Cabernet Sauvignon, 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. Mormoreto is a wine of great depth, opulent and refined, that you can cellar for many years.

Vintage Report Winter 2014 was noteworthy for higher than average temperatures, while spring's mild climate contributed to an early budding of the grapevines. A particularly crisp summer with well distributed rains brought the growing season back to its normal progression, while heat waves at the end of July and beginning of August positively affected the veraison. The temperature differences between night and day supported a gradual ripening of the fruit.

### TERROIR AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Estate and vineyard location: Castello Nipozzano

ALTITUDE from 250m to 300m (from 820 to 985 feet)

VINEYARD SIZE 25 ha of the namesake vineyard

EXPOSURE South

SOIL TYPE 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.

PLANTING DENSITY Over 5,800 vines per hectare

TRAINING SYSTEM Spurred cordon

Vineyard average age Average over 15 years

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Variety Largely Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Sangiovese, with a touch of Petit Verdot

Alcohol by volume 14,5%

Length of maceration on the skins Each variety ferments and macerates separately for 35 days in stainless steel at temperatures below 35°C (95°F), followed by 20 days of maceration on the skins.

Malolactic fermentation Immediately following initial fermentation

Maturation method Hand-split oak barrels, partly new and partly once-used

Length of maturation 24 months in partly new and partly once-used oak barrels, followed by a further 6 months in the bottle

Bottle formats Half Bottle – Bottle – 1,5 Magnum – 3,0 Doppio Magnum – 6,0 Imperiale – 18,0 Melchior

Tasting Notes The wine presents itself with an impenetrably intense ruby colour and a complex nose: red fruits such as blackberry and raspberry meet bitter almond and fig jam, which are balanced by spiced notes of roasted coffee bean, cocoa butter and a light touch of vanilla. In the mouth the wine is fresh, complex, persistent and balanced. The tannins blend well with the body

resulting in a wine that is velvety to the palate. The acidic component is noteworthy and joins elegantly with the alcoholic content. Notes of mixed berries, such as blueberries, are present alongside those of blackberry jam.

Serving suggestions Terrific partner with any long-cooked meat dish, such as marinades, pot roasts, and stews. Delicious with aged cheeses.

