



## Poggio alle Nane 2023

### Classification

DOC Maremma Toscana

### Vintage

2023

### Climate

The 2023 growing season was cool and relatively rainy during the first half of the season, especially until June. Despite these climatic conditions, the vines' growth cycle was not delayed, both budbreak and flowering took place normally. The summer months brought hot temperatures however, water stress was never a setback due to abundant groundwater resources from spring rain showers. The end of August brought lower temperatures and optimal temperature swings between day and night that enhanced the grapes' aromatic profile. The grape harvest got underway the second week of September with Cabernet Franc that gave the wine an elegant tannic structure. One week later, Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested with berries that presented fragrant notes of ripe dark fruit and was completed at the beginning of October with Carménère whose fruit imparted complexity and spicy aromas.



## Vinification

Grape clusters were carefully selected, and hand harvested into crates. The berries underwent a second selection on sorting tables before destemming and gentle crushing. The must was transferred by gravity flow into truncated cone shaped stainless-steel tanks where alcoholic fermentation took place at a controlled temperature of 28 °C (82 °F) and maceration on the skins for a period of approximately 20 days. The wine then went into barriques where malolactic fermentation took place, followed by aging in French oak for 16 months.

## Historical Data

The Le Mortelle estate is located in the heart of the Tuscan Maremma, a mere few miles from the town of Castiglione della Pescaia in an extraordinarily fascinating position both in terms the nature which surrounds it and the history of the site. The Antinori family has always been present in the area - a property act of the year 1863 mentions among their possession Poggio Franco, one of the estate's finest vineyards, along with other parcels of land. The Antinori, ever since 1999, has worked on the vineyards and the cellar with the firm conviction that the area, an emerging one in the overall panorama of Italian wine, has a major potential for the production of fine wine and that here it would be possible to express the characteristics both of the territory and the varieties to be cultivated. The property extends over a total of some 675 acres, over 425 of which are planted to vines, first Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, then more recent additions of such white grapes as Viognier, Ansonica, and Vermentino together a small amount of Carménère. The soil, of medium texture, is composed principally of clay and silica and is, in certain parts, rather rocky as well. Poggio alle Nane is a blend of the finest Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and a small percentage of Carménère grapes that express the unique terroir of one of the estate's very best vineyards. Poggio alle Nane is a wine of great aromatic complexity with an elegant tannic structure.

## Tasting Notes

Poggio alle Nane 2023 is an intense ruby red color. Notes of cherries and black currants dominate the nose together with hints of black pepper, cloves and licorice: the bouquet is completed by delicate aromas of mint, violets and Mediterranean herbs. The palate is rich and mouth filling with supple refined tannins. The persistent finish is accented by hints of roasted coffee and blueberry dark chocolate.