



## Poggio alle Nane 2020

### Classification

DOC

### Vintage

2020

### Climate

The 2020 growing season was defined by mild winter conditions with abundant rainfall that guaranteed generous groundwater resources available for the beginning of the vines' vegetative cycle. Spring was initially cool but continued with temperatures in line with seasonal averages prompting normal bloom and fruit set. Summer weather, relatively hot and dry, ensured normal vine growth and optimal development and ripening of the berries. Harvesting activities began the third week of September with Cabernet Franc, characterized by an elegant tannic structure, then continued one week later with Cabernet Sauvignon whose aromas offered distinct aromas of ripe dark fruit. The last variety to be harvested was Carménère at the very beginning of October with grapes that gave complexity and spicy notes.



## 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 stainless-steel tanks where 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 2020 is an intense ruby red color. The nose presents aromas of ripe dark fruit, black currants and plums accompanied by spicy and balsamic notes of licorice, coffee and sweet paprika. Its bouquet is completed by delicate hints of Mediterranean herbs and lavender. A rich and enveloping palate is mouth filling with elegant tannins. The finish is long and harmonious defined by undertones of tobacco and blueberry chocolate.