



## Poggio alle Nane 2021

### Classification

DOC

### Vintage

2021

### Climate

The 2021 growing season began with mild winter weather and average rainfall that provided generous groundwater reserves in the vineyards, vital for the beginning of the growth cycle. Spring started out cold causing a slight delay in bud break and bloom. The summer months were hot and dry, optimal for ensuring a perfect ripening phase with whole, healthy fruit. The grape harvest got underway the third week of September with Cabernet Franc, able to impart an elegant tannic structure, then continued one week later with Cabernet Sauvignon with distinct aromas of ripe red fruit. The last variety to be harvested was Carménère at the very beginning of October with grapes that gave 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 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 2021 is a deep ruby red color. Intense on the nose with great complexity, it presents notes of black currants and ripe blackberries in perfect balance with floral and balsamic aromas of eucalyptus and violets. The bouquet is completed by delicate spicy notes and hints of Mediterranean herbs. The mouth filling palate has excellent structure and elegant tannins. Remarkable persistence on the finish, defined by pleasant aromas of tobacco and dark chocolate.