



## SAN LEONINO

CASTELLINA IN CHIANTI

### CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG 2012



#### HISTORY

San Leonino estate sprawls over a total of 100 hectares of which 52 are planted with vines and 6 with olive groves.

The estate is situated in Castellina, in the Chianti territory, near a small medieval village founded around the Romanic Church of San Leonino, from which it takes both its name and logo.

#### REGION

Chianti, Tuscany, Italy

#### VARIETAL

90% Sangiovese, 5% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### VINEYARDS

The grapes are harvested from the San Leonino farm, just outside Castellina in Chianti.

#### WINEMAKING

Maceration for approximately 15 days at a controlled temperature of 30 degrees celcius in steel. The wine then matures for approximately 15 months in 90 hl Slavonian oak casks and cement vats. Bottle ageing lasted approximately 3 months.

#### VINTAGE

2012 was just as hot as, maybe even hotter than, the 2011. July and most of August were certainly very hot and dry, but the absence of rainfall over the winter and during the growing season may have actually saved the vintage, and in the end, allowed us to produce wonderfully aromatic, fresh wines with the lowest alcohol levels since 2004. The utter lack of winter and spring rain created a stress which delayed veraison by several weeks. We had bunches in which just a few berries changed color; further ripening did not occur until several weeks later. When the much-needed rain finally came at the end of August, the vines were able to complete veraison and ripen during a cooler September through to early October, with harvest concluding on the 16th of October.

#### TASTING NOTES

Well defined to the nose, fine and intense, with hints of cherry, prune and a characteristic note of violet standing out. On the palate, the sensation of the silky texture of the tannin is followed by floral and fruity notes to the nose. Long and vibrant, the violet comes back in the finish.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.36

Residual Sugar: 0.8 g/l

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Acidity: 5.1

Production: 250,000 bottles