



POGGIOTONDO



2009 POGGIOTONDO CHIANTI CERRO DEL MASSO DOCG

WINEMAKER: Alberto Antonini
 REGION: Tuscany, Italy
 VARIETALS: Sangiovese (80%), Merlot (10%), Syrah (5%), Colorino (5%)
 MATURATION: 8 months in 100% French oak barriques
 ALCOHOL: 13.0% alc/vol

VINTAGE:

The 2009 growing season began with a cool rainy spring followed by a hot and dry summer. Weather at harvest was dry and warm, and as a result the fruit was ripe with a good balance between flavors and tannins.

WINEMAKING:

Regarded as one of the pioneers of modern Italian winemaking, Alberto combines a global perspective with a unique vineyard location to craft modern Tuscan wines with a Mediterranean slant, wines that gain elegance and minerally complexity as they age. The fruit was hand harvested, fermented, and granted three days of extended maceration in stainless steel tanks. The wine was then racked to French oak barrels where malolactic fermentation took place naturally and the wine continued to mature for eight months.

TASTING NOTES:

This modern rendition of classic Chianti is comprised of Sangiovese, Merlot, Syrah and Colorino. Red cherries are supported by darker fruit aromas. It shows vibrant fruit, ripe, supple tannins and subtle oak notes on the palate. Red cherries and zippy acidity lend freshness to the long minerally finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

ABOUT POGGIOTONDO:

In the north-western corner of the Chianti region, resting on the hills between the Montalbano and Arno valley, 123 acres of vines are joined by some 2,000 olive trees on the Poggiotondo estate. Founder and winemaker Alberto Antonini is a scholar of modern winemaking earning degrees from the University of Florence, Bordeaux University, and University of California Davis in addition to his winemaking stints around the globe. The Poggiotondo vineyards enjoy a Mediterranean influence and soils are riddled with remnants of sea life that afford minerality and complexity to these modern DOCG and IGT renditions.



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