

# vermentino 20

## **Toscana IGT**

#### **ESTATE**

Poggio al Tufo is located in Tuscany's coastal Maremma region near Pitigliano, an historical Etruscan city known for its volcanic soils rich in tufo, a specific type of volcanic rock. The estate was the first of the Tommasi Family Estates to be located outside of Valpolicella, where the historical winemaking family is based. Seeing tremendous potential in this once swampy coastal stretch of Tuscany, the Tommasi family purchased 163 acres of land there in 1997. The microclimate is typical of this area of Southern Tuscany: a hot and dry climate, with little rainfall in the summer and temperate breezes throughout the year from the nearby Tyrrhenian Sea. After a meticulous soil and climate analysis, the estate was replanted with selected clones of traditional and international grape varieties. Poggio al Tufo encompasses 3 estates in different areas of the Maremma, each with its own unique microclimate, but all sharing the influence of volcanic soil and Mediterranean breezes.

#### WINE

This single-vineyard Vermentino exhibits all of the characteristics for which Tuscan Vermentino is renowned, in particular its mineral notes, a result of the volcanic soil on which the vineyards lie. This bright, crisp wine has both wonderful freshness as well as the balanced quality typical of the varietal.

### **VINEYARD**

Soil Composition: The vineyard is located in the Alta Maremma region, lying approximately 1,000 feet above sea level, and is characterized by soils that are very rich in volcanic rock. The Mediterranean Sea, lying just 15 miles away, prevents any drastic temperature variations and provides a warm, stable microclimate for the vines.

Grape Varieties: Vermentino

#### WINEMAKING

Fermentation and Aging: The wine sees a 7-day fermentation and 5-month maturation in stainless steel tanks.

Alcohol: 12 5%

#### **TASTING NOTE**

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Intense, fruity aromas with typical characteristics of this grape variety. On the palate it is full and balanced and has a long finish. Recommended with light appetizers, soups and fish.