



MAZZEI

1435

2016 SIEPI TOSCANA IGT

The Mazzei family is one of Tuscany's oldest wine dynasties and they have been cultivating vineyards and crafting fine wine for over 600 years in the heart of Chianti Classico. Leading the portfolio today are the Marchesi Mazzei, brothers Francesco and Filippo, as well as Filippo's son Giovanni, the 25th generation, who are pursuing innovation that elevates their wines and protects their ecosystem. All the estates are farmed with a commitment to reducing environmental impact and fostering sustainability. This balance of preservation and evolution is rooted in the Castello di Fonterutoli, the historic family seat.

The grapes for this single vineyard offering come from one of the oldest vineyards in Italy, with records dating to 1435. The vineyard sits on a well-lit plateau surrounded by oak forests, a unique microclimate for both Sangiovese and Merlot. The Merlot plantings were added in the early 1980's as the ideal complement to the indigenous Sangiovese. Siepi delivers wines of superior structure and sophisticated elegance.

VINTAGE NOTES

Generally considered an outstanding vintage, 2016 started with a mild and rainy winter and spring. Budbreak proceeded normally and the summer was warm without overly hot weather. From August through the end of harvest, large temperature swings between day and night created the ideal conditions for ripening and the development of aromas. Uniformly excellent grapes yielded harmonious, powerful and layered wines.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Appellation: Toscana IGT

Composition: 50% Sangiovese, 50% Merlot

Vineyard: Siepi is a single vineyard with south-southwest exposure

Elevation: 850 feet (260 m)

Soil: Alberese, calcareous marl and schist mixed with sandstone and clay

Maturation: 18 months in French oak barrels (70% new); 3 months finishing in concrete tanks

Alcohol: 14.6%

Pack: 6/750ML in wood box

TASTING NOTES

A sophisticated, well-structured wine with an intriguing mélange of elder, plum, dark berries, sandalwood and tobacco, and a finish of elegance and length. Pairs well with rich, textured dishes including game meats, hearty vegetables and dark sauces.

