

## TOSCANA

## CHIANTI

FATTORIA MONTELLORI  
FUCECCHIO

**OVERVIEW** | Fattoria Montellori is located off the beaten track, in the Montalbano zone of Chianti to the west of Florence, in the Tuscan town of Fucecchio. The Montellori estate, which is also known as Castel Rapiti, dates from 1293, and is among the most important estates in this area. Yet, the Nieri family has been the guardian of this outstanding property only since 1895, which is a relatively short time when one considers the entire eight centuries of history that Fattoria Montellori shares with posterity.

Giuseppe Nieri purchased the villa and surrounding grounds at the end of the 19th century from profits he had realized from his leather trade. He quickly set about planting vineyards and upgrading the property. Giuseppe's son Mario continued the pioneering spirit and renovation at Montellori that was begun by his father. However, it was not until Giuseppe's grandson and namesake took control of the estate in the early 1980's that it expanded to its present 170 acres and began fashioning wines of elegance and distinction. Today, under the family's 4th generation, Alessandro, the estate houses a modern winery, hundreds of oak barrels, and some of the finest hillside vineyards in Tuscany.

**VINEYARD AREA:** 53 hectares

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 300,000 bottles

**TOP SITES:** Moro, Cerreto Guidi

**SOIL TYPES:** clay, sandy limestone and rocky, rich in fossils

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, trebbiano

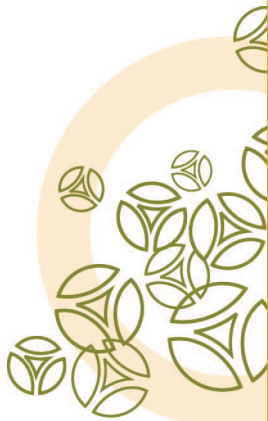
**VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES** | Fattoria Montellori owns six distinct vineyards, all of which possess a unique soil, microclimate, exposure, and altitude. While still employing the use of 30-100 hl resin-lined square concrete tanks for fermentation, Montellori has now embraced the trend towards Stainless Steel. There are now rows of standard as well as temperature controlled vessels principally for storage but also fermentation. A barrel hall with a range of French barriques of various origin, age and toasting accommodates the maturation of Chianti and French varietals, both red and white.

**WINES** |

**Poggio alla Luna Chianti** - sangiovese with just a dash of merlot and canaiolo from the hills west of Florence. Soft, supple, and crowd pleasing.

**Montellori Chianti** - 100% sangiovese.

**Vin Santo Bianco dell'Empolese** - 100% trebbiano.



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