



Indicazione Geografica Lipica TOSCANA

This Merlot-led blend is sourced primarily from the Valadorna and Capraia blocks, which produce the estate's most complex and mineral-based expressions of this variety. The blocks are located within the cooler part of the estate, naturally irrigated by the stream that undulates through it, and feature sandy brown soils and lower yields than typical. These blocks are often the last Merlot blocks to ripen on the estate.



## TASTING NOTES

The 2011 Valadorna is accented by dark plum aromas and flavors which are displayed in a ripe and juicy profile. Notes of morello cherries, fleshy mission figs and hints of brown sugar are framed with earthy impressions of iron and graphite. The structure of moderate acid and moderate plus tannin is somewhat over shadowed by slight elevated alcohol levels as a result of a warm heat spike during the harvest period. This results in a wine which is juicy and plush, somewhat modern (from the new French oak) and mouth filling whilst showcasing a soft yet bright lingering finish.

## STATISTICS

COMPOSITION: 60% MFRIOT

25% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

15% CABERNET FRANC

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

AGING: FRENCH OAK - 12 MONTHS, 80% NEW

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.32 G/L

pH: 3.60

