

# Castello Nipozzano, Frescobaldi, Mormoreto, Toscana 2016



## Awards

94 pts, James Suckling, 2021  
91 pts, Wine Enthusiast, 2021  
93 pts, Robert Parker, 2021  
Silver, DWWA, 2020

The top wine from the estate, Mormoreto is a rich, elegant wine with intense blueberry and Morello cherry aromas and warm balsamic and savoury notes integrated into a mouthfilling texture.

## Producer Note

Tradition, innate elegance and the essence of the Renaissance: Tuscany exudes an aura of timelessness that has inspired generations of the Frescobaldi family and is now an integral part of their vineyards. The Nipozzano Estate is located in one of the traditional areas of Chianti: Chianti Rufina, which is the smallest and most elevated Chianti sub-appellation. The 11th century castle is located in the heart of the prestigious Chianti Rufina, which holds the family cellar including wines dating back to 1864. The uniqueness of the Nipozzano terroir continues to produce wines with a wide range of aromas and extraordinary longevity. Gambero Rosso awarded Frescobaldi with the prestigious 'Tre Bicchieri Winery of the Year Award 2020', in recognition of its uncompromising commitment to quality and innovation.

## Vintage

The 2016 season at Castello Nipozzano was a splendid vintage. Spring arrived slightly late and was cool, marked by abundant precipitation, especially during the flowering period. Conversely the summer was mild, with very little rainfall from the end of June until harvest. August enjoyed high temperatures and was sunny on the whole, leading to the harvest of ripe, good quality fruit.

## Vineyard

The vineyards of Nipozzano are situated approximately 20 miles to the east of Florence. The grapes are grown in a 25 hectare vineyard, planted in 1976, with more than 5,800 vines per hectare. The vineyard sits at 250 to 300 metres above sea-level. Two types of soil run through the vineyard: the first is rich in sand and well drained with a reasonable presence of calcium. The second is a limestone soil, rich in clay and calcium, which produces elegant wines. The combination of altitude, soil type and a cool ventilated microclimate provides excellent conditions for perfect growth and produces wines of harmonious character and great longevity.

## Winemaking

The grapes were hand-harvested and then gently pressed. Each variety was vinified separately. Fermentation took place over 15 days in stainless steel tanks at less than 35°C. Maceration lasted for 20 days, with malolactic conversion taking place in barriques immediately following alcoholic fermentation. The wine was aged for 24 months in hand-split oak barrels that were new and partly once-used, before being cellared for six months in bottle.

## Tasting Note

An intense ruby colour leads to aromas of blueberry and raspberry are followed by black jasmine tea, toasted coffee bean and a light touch of vanilla. A complex, persistent and balanced with rich and velvety tannins and balancing freshness through to a long, elegant finish.

## Grape

Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Cabernet Franc 20%, Sangiovese 15%, Petit Verdot 5%



Winemaker:	Eleonora Marconi
Region:	Tuscany
Sub region:	Toscana
Country:	Italy
Alcohol:	14%
Body Value:	E (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	0.8
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic:	No
Biodynamic:	No
Product Code:	5242116A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Natural Cork