

# Il Grigio Chianti Classico Gran Selezione DOCG 2018



Il Grigio Gran Selezione is made from grapes from San Felice's top vineyards. This 80% Sangiovese is enhanced by ancient indigenous Tuscan varieties including Abrusco, Pugnitello, Malvasia Nera, Ciliegiolo, and Mazzese, all of which contribute to the complexity of the wine while helping maintain its notable elegance and the expression of the terroir of San Felice.

#### Vintage Profile

2018 has began with an early sprouting due to high temperatures in March and April, followed by a fairly rainy May. Temperatures have started to rise again since June; summer temperatures in the norm with scattered rains. The month of September in particular saw a succession of sunny days but with a great thermal excursion between day and night, which allowed the grapes a proper phenolic and aromatic maturation.

## **Tasting Notes and Pairings**

Deep ruby red. The round bouquet releases fragrances that linger beautifully, with scents of sweet violets that meld into smooth, spicy hints of tobacco leaf. This is a full-bodied red, velvety smooth marked by ripe, succulent tannins harmoniously integrated with the acidity. Perfect with wild game, roasted and grilled meats, as well as aged cheeses.

#### Vineyard Location

San Felice Estate: Chiesamonti – Pianaccio I Colti parcels (Castelnuovo Berardenga, Siena)

## Soil Profile

Medium-textured, predominantly calcareous marl breakdown of alberese and galestro strata, with abundant gravel-pebble mixture.

## **Training System**

Guyot and spur-pruned cordon

# Grapes Sangiovese 80%

Native grapes 20%

# Harvest

Last week of September, first week of October

#### Vinification & Maturation

Each grape variety was fermented separately in steel, followed by a 22-day maceration at 28-30°C. After malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged for 24 months, 50% in large 60-100-hectoliter Slavonian oak casks and 50% in 225and 500-liter French oak barriques. Bottle ageing for 8 months.

**Bottles Produced** 22.000

Serving Temperature 18 °C

Alcohol 14% Vol

Cellaring 15 years

**Total Acidity** 5,9 g/l

**Residual Sugar** inf 0.5 g/l

Size

