

# LEMACCHIOLE

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## MESSORIO

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First produced in 1994, Messorio started as a personal challenge with one of the most planted varieties not only in Bolgheri, but across the Tuscan coast and throughout the world: Merlot. From the start, the idea was to take the best bunches and transform them into an impactful wine with a big personality, staying as far away as possible from the more soft, predictable style that is often associated with Merlot and instead making a thoroughbred eager to win the race. The name "Messorio" refers to the wheat harvest, one of the most fundamental parts of the agricultural cycle

### MESSORIO | 2015

#### HARVEST REPORTS

Harvest 2015 is rightly ranked as one of the best ever. A mild winter season and rainfall in the average range. Excellent spring weather conditions: cold at first and then steady temperatures, large night/day temperature swings and good rainfall. In June, we had a taste of summer: high temperatures around 32 degrees and no rain at all. Good night/day temperature swings, with a night temperature of 20 degrees and soils which made good use of the water supply stored throughout 2014 and in the first three months of 2015. In July, typical summer temperature with night temperatures below average, steady breeze and lack of rainfall. Work in the vineyards focused on preserving the canopy's freshness, without topping the vines and by working the surface soil, before the veraison process set in. Atypical weather for August, fresher and steadier than usual with good rainfall (80 mm), which led to a slow and constant ripening of the perfectly healthy grapes. The season was completed with an ideal september: temperatures, night/day temperature swings, sunlight, rainfall, everything was perfectly balanced to allow the grapes to reach the best ripeness condition.

#### TECHNICAL SHEET

**Messorio 2015:** Toscana IGT

**First Vintage:** 1994

**Grape varieties:** Merlot 100%

**Vineyards:** Puntone 1994, Vignone 1999

**Training System:** guyot and double cordon spur

**Yield:** 800 gr per plant

**Harvest period:** 1st and 2nd week of September

**Winemaking:** fermentation and maceration for 25 days, a part in steel tanks and a part in concrete

**Aging:** 18 months in new oak barriques

**Bottling:** July 28, 2017

