

# TENUTA GHIACCIO FORTE

## RIPAFORTE

### IGT TOSCANA ROSSO

2018

**Tenuta Ghiaccio Forte** is a leading estate in **Scansano** located within the coastal **Maremma** region of Tuscany. Founded by sculptor Sandro Chia it is now run by his son Filippo Chia. The Estate currently produces two wines, **Ghiaccio Forte**, **Morellino di Scansano DOCG** and **Ripaforte**, Toscana IGT. The estate also produces Syrah and Petit Verdot destined for the production of **Castello Romitorio's RomiToro**.

The Estates vineyards are located on the **Aquilaia** hilltop and along the river banks of the Albegna in Southern **Scansano**. The estate is divided into two distinct soil types, the hilltop has mostly gravel Pliocene soil while the River Valley has silty, red earth. Planting was done in two phases beginning between 1999-2001 using local clones of Sangiovese as well as Petit Verdot and Syrah, and a small part of Cabernet Sauvignon. The second planting followed in 2006 with Petit Verdot and Syrah and new clones of Sangiovese. The estate currently has 12 Hectares of **Morellino di Scansano** and nearly 20 hectares under vine. The Estate is located adjacent to the remains of the Etruscan fortified city of **Ghiaccio Forte** a National Park from which the winery takes its name.

The name **Ghiaccio Forte** translates to "**Fort Ice**". This area was populated since at least 500 BC and was once home to a flourishing Etruscan city whose remains are located at less than one kilometer from the Cellar.

Ripaforte Toscana Rosso IGT is the newest bottling of the estate, Ripaforte is the pinnacle of production at the Tenuta Ghiaccio Forte, a unique blend of Petit Verdot (98%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (2%). A small vineyard located on a hilltop above the Fluvial Albegna River valley in Southern Scansano. The rolling hills in this region allow for a great degree of sunlight which is amplified by reflecting on the Sea in exchange the Sea guarantees a mild microclimate. The daytime and night temperature shifts are noteworthy and contribute to reaching optimal ripeness. The vineyard planted in 1999 was chosen for its unique position and Soil. Located at 200 meters above sea level and planted in dense gravel with clay and silt deriving from the Marine deposits left during the Pliocene period.

The vineyard is protected from the north and has excellent southern exposure. The Petit Verdot has exceptional leaf cover and flowers early allowing it a long window in which to ripen. The low yields and careful selection followed by aging in small French oak barrels result in a wine that has a reduced liquid to solids ratio.

### TASTING NOTE

The wine expresses itself with dark chocolate and cherry Jam with tangy gravel mineral that carries the wine. Sage Incense and Lilacs explode in an amazingly structured big coastal red.



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