



ALCOHOL: 13.5%

BLEND:

100% Sangiovese

CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG GRAN SELEZIONE

## 2016 Badia a Passignano

### VINTAGE NOTES

- After a mild autumn and winter with little rainfall, the spring season began with warm and sunny weather, which led to bud break occurring 10 days earlier than normal.
- These conditions remained unchanged during April, but May had precipitation and cool temperatures, which did not influence the phases of flowering and bud set that followed.
- The summer was mainly warm and dry without peak temperatures, which assisted in maintaining an excellent balance between vine development and the ripening of the grapes.
- Harvest was characterized by average weather with occasional rainfall and lengthy periods of sunshine. These conditions favored an optimal final ripening of the grapes.

### VINEYARD NOTES

- Badia a Passignano is produced exclusively from the highest quality grapes grown on the estate, situated in the Chianti Classico area.
- The badia (or “abbey”) is located in an area that has been inhabited since the Etruscan period and is one of the finest abbeys in the area.
- The badia has been renowned for its wine production for more than 1,000 years.

### HISTORY NOTES

- The Antinori family bought the 800-acre estate around the abbey, which is owned by Vallombrosian monks, in 1987.
- The estate has served to produce wines that reflect the unique identity of the Tuscan soil, as expressed through the Sangiovese grape.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

- The grapes were carefully selected and delicately pressed. The fermentation lasted 10 days, followed by an additional 12 days of skin contact.
- After being separated from its skins, the wine went into small oak barrels for malolactic fermentation, completed by the end of the year.
- The separate lots of wine were then racked and aged separately. After 18 months of aging, the wine was bottled and aged an additional 12 months.

### TASTING NOTES

A deep ruby red in color, this red wine offers notes of red fruit, hints of berries and cherries on the nose along with spicy and balsamic sensations. The wine is ample and enveloping on the palate with supple and velvety tannins. Fresh with incredible finesse and ending with a lengthy finish and aftertaste.