## Montenidoli | 'Montenidoli'

## Toscana Rosso IGT



f Varietal: 100% Sangiovese

Region: Toscana, IT

Winemaker: Elisabetta

Faguioli

Vines Age: Up to 65 years

**Production:** Small

Farming: Working Organic

Soil: Triassic

The Story: One of the most recognized names in the wine world and one of its most loved personalities, Elisabetta Fagiuoli and her partner, Sergio Muratori, came to San Gimignano in 1965 and set about creating one of the most special and unique places in Italy. Montenidoli is a 200ha organic farm with 24ha of vineyards, olive trees and vegetables planted in its center. The estate's vineyards are comprised of two primary soil types. In the highest vineyard, where Sangiovese and Colorino are grown, we find terra rossa and the oldest identified Triassic soils in Italy. On the slopes, we find limestone and seashells. These will be some of the most distinctive wines you taste. All of her wines age beautifully, but there is something very special about the way the Vernaccia wines age. These wines are unfiltered and unmanipulated with crazy-low amounts of sulfites. This is what you can do with perfect fruit and a drive that never stops, which Elisabetta never does. I absolutely love this lady and her wines.

**Vineyard:** The sites of Montenidoli in San Gimignano, which is the City of the Fair Towers and overlooks the Chianti Classico area. Here, Triassic lands on the highest slopes are the oldest in Tuscany and the only Triassic soils with planted vines: A precious source of minerals for the red wines.

**Vinification:** Grapes were macerated for a longer period and fermented in glass-lined cement tank.

**Ageing:** Rested and refined in concrete followed by 12 months aged in French barriques.

## Everything else you want to know about this

**wine:** Montenidoli is the 'mountain of little nests'. They make three expressions of Chianti and the 'Montenidoli' Toscana Rosso IGT is the more modern expression. It omits white varietals, has more body from longer maceration and Sangiovese in purity, and more longevity. It ages only one year in barriques prior to bottling in order to maintain freshness and vibrance which compliment its fuller body.

