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## Santa Cristina Toscana IGT Rosato 2011

**Classification:** Toscana IGT (Typical Geographical Indication) Rosato.

**Alcohol by volume:** 11,50% vol.

**Grape varieties:** Produced from a precise selection of Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah grapes cultivated in our vineyards.

**Note degustative:**

Pink in color with cherry red highlights, the wine has intense and ample aromas which recall strawberries, cherries, and raspberries. On the palate it is balanced, soft, and savory with a fresh finish which adds to its drinking pleasure.

**Climate:**

The 2011 vintage in Tuscany was characterized by an early bud break, flowering, and bud set. Heavy rains during the flowering caused some difficulties in the bud set and led to a certain loss of production. Temperatures then began to rise during the second week of July. High temperatures from early August all the way to early October and an absence of rainfall forced a very early start to picking operations, and the harvesting of the grapes intended for use in the production of rosé wine began during the last ten days of August.

**Vinification:**

The grapes were destemmed, lightly crushed, and then pressed very softly. The must was then chilled to a temperature of 10° centigrade (50° Fahrenheit) in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks in order to assist a natural settling of the impurities in the must. Fermentation was carried out at temperatures which peaked at, and never exceeded, 15° centigrade (59° Fahrenheit). The wine was then stored at 10° centigrade (50° Fahrenheit) in stainless steel tanks in order to preserve all of its aromatic character. The wine was then prepared for bottling and then bottled in small batches in order to obtain a rosé wine, at 11.5°, of much freshness and fragrance.

**History:**

The “classic” Santa Cristina, first produced in 1946, now finds its true home in the Cantina Santa Cristina in the heart of Tuscany, in the township of Cortona. With the 2009 vintage the line has been completed by the addition of a Santa Cristina Bianco and a Santa Cristina Rosato. The care and commitment shown first in the vineyards and then in the cellars have made Santa Cristina a reference point name for experts, and for a host of others as well.

