

## 2007 Marchesi di Frescobaldi “Mormoreto” (Cabernet-Merlot) Toscana IGT, Italy



2013 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Frescobaldi's first vintage of their “super-Tuscan” (does not follow the local laws of designation) Bordeaux-style blend. The 2007 is built from 60% Cabernet Sauvignon with 25% Merlot, 12% Cab Franc and 3% Petite Verdot ... a true crossover classic.

The Frescobaldi's rich family history can be traced back to the banking industry of medieval Florence, where they had funded the English royal family and rescued the work of the poet Dante Aligheri as he wrote his *Divine Comedy*. By 1300, they had begun producing their first wines; by 1400, funding artists such as Donatello; and by 1500, their wines were served in the courts of the Pope and Henry VIII. They have been producing wines in Montalcino, however, only since 1989.

**The persistently fresh nose is an ultra-complex mixing of wild red berry fruit with blackberry, raspberry, currants, prunes and dates. More gradually emerging are a hint of violets and spicier nuances of vanilla, cocoa powder, tobacco leaf, and roast espresso. The wine is warm and round in the mouth with a complement of silky tannins.**

***Recommended pairings:*** Veal Marsala with Sweet Capicola  
- OR -  
Steak and Cheese Pizza