

# MONTENIDOLI TOSCANA BIANCO 'IL TEMPLARE'



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The great white wine of the warrior monks of the middle ages, to be drunk, says the Rule, "as needed to distance the cold." From Vernaccia, Trebbiano, and Malvasia grapes fermented in old barriques, in which it ages for 12 months.

Montenidoli, "the mountain of the little nests" is run by Elisabetta Fagioli who is the soul of the place, an inexhaustible font of energy and creativity. She and her dedicated team work all 59 acres of vineyards organically. The vineyards themselves are surrounded by 500 acres of woodland, covering the slopes of a hill opposite the storied towers of San Gimignano. The Etruscans were the first to discover this treasure and plant vines, then came the Romans and the Knights Templar. She and her partner Sergio arrived in 1965, heirs to a long farming tradition.

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## *Tasting Note:*

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