



## OVERVIEW

Three hundred years ago, the grand duke of Tuscany listed Pomino among the four best wine-producing areas in his realm. He was referring to an area about 15 miles up the Arno River from Florence, much of which is today contained in the Rufina subzone of Chianti DOCG. In the pine-covered hills above the river, meanwhile, is a very small denomination called Pomino DOC. With terrain up to 2,500 feet in elevation, this is a particularly cool climate for Tuscany, and it is one of the few places in the region to grow the decidedly un-Tuscan Pinot Nero (Pinot Noir). For such a small place, the number of wine styles allowed is considerable, but the basic red wine is primarily Sangiovese with the possible addition of Merlot, Pinot Nero, or other grapes. Varietal Merlot and Pinot Nero are also permitted, as are some still and sparkling white wines and Vin Santo.