

OVERVIEW

Azienda Agricola Fontaleoni is a small estate whose vineyards are located at 200 meters above sea level, the ideal altitude for growing the Vernaccia varietal. It was established in 1959 when the Troiani family, vigneroni for generations, moved to Tuscany. Restructured in the nineties, the cellar was renovated and new vineyards were planted in order to produce high-quality wines. Low yields of grapes, careful harvest and pressing of this fragile grape, and conscientious winemaking, have produced Vernaccia wines that continue to grow in quality and fame every year since the first bottling, in 1994. Clearly, this is an estate to keep watching!

Varieties:

Vernaccia, Sangiovese, Chardonnay, Merlot,

Total Acreage:

28 hectares

Average Production:

8,333 cases



VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Only organic fertilizers are used (not very often).
- Cover crops (grass cover) are left on the rows between the vines and either in all the rows or in every other row.
- The grass is mowed and left in the rows (the turf is left in place).

WINES

San Gimignano in Tuscany has a rich history dating back to at least 1286. It is famous for its centuries-old towers that dot the town, erected as safeguards to see approaching enemies. Fontaleoni produces both red and white wines from this area.



Vernaccia di San Gimignano

The ever popular, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, is a lively dry white wine. The Vernaccia grape is widely planted in Tuscany, but it is the area around San Gimignano that provides the finest expression of this grape.

Chianti Colli Senesi

Fontaleoni also produces an outstanding Chianti – at a tremendous value! Medium-bodied, soft and fresh.

ACCOLADES

“Fontaleoni is one of the elite producers in this zone, devoting much time and energy to...vernaccia, and making very good reds.” – *International Wine Cellar*



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