

PODERE IL PALAZZINO

Monti

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Mechanical means are used to keep the vineyard clear of weeds. No herbicides are used.



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Chianti

OVERVIEW

When Alessandro and Andrea Sderci inherited this small estate outside of the village of Monti in the Gaiole township of the Chianti Classico DOCG, winemaking was just a hobby. They began replanting in that spirit, not realizing that their efforts would lead to the birth of one of the most exciting young Chianti Classico estates in operation today. Gaiole is one of the highest townships of the Chianti Classico region and Il Palazzino is situated at one of the highest points in Gaiole, where the vineyards enjoy constant breezes. The two vineyards at Il Palazzino, though predominantly light, stony galestro, have diverse soils and aspects, for which reason Marc de Grazia encouraged the owners to bottle the two "crus" separately beginning with the 1999 vintage. The "La Pieve" is a stunning, silken Sangiovese produced from a vineyard very close to the winery with very poor stone and sand soils. The earlier-released "Argenina" is in a zone further south in the direction of San Giusto a Rentenanno, where the soils have a higher percentage of clay, producing a bright, red-fruited Chianti. The super-Chianti Classico "Grosso Sanese" is 100% Sangiovese Grosso aged in barrique; the grapes come from a parcel within the "La Pieve." Massive when young, this highly sought-after wine softens into an exquisitely complex and rich mouthful over time and has proven ageing potential.

Varieties: Sangiovese, Canaiolo, Malvasia Nera

Total Acreage:
8 hectares

Average Production:
approximately 10,000 cases

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- As of 2008, a group of estates (including Podere Il Palazzino) working according to the guidelines of organic agriculture, was established in the Monti in the Chianti area.
- Only copper and sulfur-based products are utilized. Herbicides have never been used at the estate and the soil is tilled between the rows of vines.
- SO₂ is used very sparingly in the wines.

WINES

Il Palazzino La Casina Girasole IGT

Very fresh, sweet pure cherry, plum and strawberry fruit with a fresh spicy edge. Quite complex. The palate is expressive with lovely subtle, elegant earthy notes and some minerality under the supple. Expressive and lovely.

Il Palazzino Chianti Classico "Argenina"

A shy nose with mineralic dark cherry fruit. The palate has beautiful concentration with rich texture to the pure, mineralic fruit and lively acidity framing the pure fruit very well. Really beautiful with a really lively core to it.

Il Palazzino Chianti Classico "La Pieve"

Beautifully aromatic nose with dark cherries, spices, subtle earthy notes. It has a lushness, but also purity and elegance. The palate is beautifully elegant with spicy minerality and subtle earthiness under the fruit. Supple and quite beautiful.

Il Palazzino Chianti Classico "Grosso Sanese"

Sweet, warm, spicy, earthy edge to the nose which is rich yet quite elegant. The palate shows lovely complex sweet earthy spicy fruit with a lovely natural sort of character. Really interesting stuff with hints of tea and tobacco. Good concentration with seamless structure.

ACCOLADES

"This is a lovely set of wines from the Sderci brothers...they show remarkable transparency." ~ Antonio Galloni, *The Wine Advocate*