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The vineyard estate is located in Dozza, just on the border between the Emilia and Romagna Region and covers 75 Hectares entirely cultivated with wine and seed.

1858 was when the Branchini family commenced its agricultural activity. Since then, the Estate continues to be engaged by the family which has over the years refined techniques, placing these at the centre of its objective and thus giving to this type of territory a value via the "Character" of its wines. This choice has given way to experiments in the vineyard: new ways of planting, new varieties, selected harvesting and research into the characteristic vines of the area. The agronomic operations are geared to avoid "forcing" the biological process and to maintain the physiological balance of the vine itself. The land, author and seal of our wines, owes its characteristics to the three rivers that flow through the Estate. The "Rio Sabbioso" the "Sillaro" and the "Sellustra", which, over the centuries have created the geological formation of this area.

The interplay of sand, clay and lime together with the microclimate of this location, confer to the wines obtained from traditional vines, Albana, Sangiovese and Pignoletto, added to the International ones Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet their own originality.



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The **Cantina di Custoza** (Custoza Winery) was founded in 1968 by 83 winegrowers and today has 227 members who contribute grapes from over 1000 hectares of south-facing vineyards located on the hills and foothills south and southwest of Lake Garda. The terrains are glacial moraines composed primarily of limestone, gravel and sand and the climate is mild and temperate.

The commitment to research, profound knowledge of the dynamics involved in cultivation in the vineyards and the vinification process, professional skills and passionate enthusiasm have been - and are still today - the driving forces behind the **Cantina di Custoza's** determination to remain at the leading edge in terms of constant experimentation and renewal while nonetheless maintaining tradition, and a love for the territory and its colourful history.

The grape varieties cultivated in the area of **Bianco di Custoza** include: **Garganega, Tuscan Trebbiano, Trebbianello, Bianca Fernanda, Tuscan Malvasia, Riesling italoico, Sauvignon, Pinot Bianco** and **Chardonnay**.

On the morainic hills to the south of Garda there are also other white cultivars: **Trebbiano di Soave, Muller Thurgau** and **White** and **Yellow Muscat**. Since a large part of the **Bianco di Custoza** area flanks and overlaps the Bardolino area, there is no shortage of red grape varieties such as **Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara** and **Negrara**.

The various product lines produced by the Cantina di Custoza:

The Classics: a collection of great traditional wines of the area;

The Val dei Molini line: mid-range wines with an excellent quality/price ratio.

The Custodia selection: commemorating Custoza's ancient name as 'custodian' of the territory, these are premium select wines;

Organic wines: expertly crafted wines made from organically grown grapes;

Sparkling wines: for celebrating and remembering life's special moments.



The Cantina di Custoza is a well-established winery with a tradition dating back over forty years and is something of a flagship within the Veronese wine-growing tradition both nationally and internationally. Its 1000 hectares of vineyards are the cradle and nurturing ground for the production of quality wines that embody the characteristics of the land and the natural environment from whence they come.

In recognition of the high quality of its products, the **Cantina di Custoza** has won numerous prizes and awards from some of the most important national and international wine competitions. (please see our web-site at www.cantinadicustoza.it).

These successes have resulted from the winery's consolidated experience, and mark out the company's history: a history built on respect for tradition and an impassioned commitment to winemaking, combined with knowledge of modern technology that expresses itself on a daily basis through the activities of its young and pro-active staff.

The winery is presently concentrating its efforts on a series of fundamental objectives and is pursuing one ambition in particular: becoming a recognized brand by focusing on the qualitative excellence of its wines and improving production in the vineyards via monitoring of production methods, diverse processing of the different grape varieties and monitoring in the vineyards.

Efforts are also being made to introduce new grape varieties, while respecting and protecting the traditional DOC varietals, so as to complete the company's range of products with a view to meeting the needs of customers worldwide. This represents the future of the **Cantina di Custoza**: to constantly strive to improve the quality of its products and tailor its viticultural traditions and methods to better satisfy the demands and expectations of customers and wine-buyers alike.



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Tradition & Innovation

Castelfeder Winery was founded in 1970 by A. Giovanett, who had attended the renowned wine school in San Michele all'Adige and at the founding already had extensive experience as a vintner. The small private winery originally lay in the center of Neumarkt in the south of South Tyrol (ital. Alto Adige) and processed mainly red grapes of the Lagrein, Pinot Noir and Schiava varieties.

In 1989 the founder's son, Günther Giovanett (born in 1958), took over the management of the winery and at the same time, the winery was transferred to the small village of Cortina in the very south of South Tyrol (ital. Alto Adige). Today, Castelfeder Winery is located in the middle of South Tyrol's southernmost vineyards, where mostly white varieties such as Pinot Bianco, Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon and Gewürztraminer are grown.

The enthusiasm of a wine maker begins in the vineyard with the planting of the vines, advising and working with the winegrowers and continues through the harvest and gentle pressing of the grapes in the cellar up to the vinification of the wines and finally to their marketing.

The result of this difficult but rewarding job is wine to be proud of.

The engagement of Günther and his wife Alessandra is confirmed by the decision of their two children to change their passion into work. Ivan, the enologist of the winery, (graduated in 2005 in Enology and Wine growing) and Ines, who is still studying Enology and Wine growing in San Michele all' Adige.

Terroir & Varieties

The variety of the landscape in South Tyrol is matched by the diverse grape varieties. That is the result of the extraordinary interplay of climate and soil conditions in the most varied of microzones. In fact, three important grape varieties originated in South Tyrol: Schiava the typical South Tyrolean red wine that is the most widespread; Gewürztraminer, which has gone on to be at home throughout the entire world; and Lagrein, the South Tyrolean wine with international format.



The 50 ha of vineyards of Castelfeder Winery spread from Salorno up to Bolzano and the annual production is about 400.000 bottles.

Those are divided in:

58% White Wine

Chardonnay (15%)
Pinot Grigio (12%)
Gewürztraminer (12%)
Sauvignon (7 %)
Müller Thurgau (7%)
Pinot Bianco (5 %)

and 42% Red Wine

Schiava – germ. Vernatsch (12%)
Lagrein (12%)
Pinot Noir (8%)
Merlot (5%)
Cabernet (5%)

The Wines

Classic

The Classic Line represents all the typical vines of Alto Adige such as Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon, Müller Thurgau, Gewürztraminer for the whites and Lago di Caldaro, Santa Maddalena, Schiava, Pinot Noir and Lagrein for the reds.

These wines are characterized by a very fine structure, nice fruit and fresh minerality given by the fertile soils of the Alto Adige region.

Villa Karneid

These 4 wines belong from special Crus in the very South of Alto Adige.

Every vine is able to develop its unique characteristics, supported by a gentle treatment and vinification. While the two reds are matured for 10 month in second- and third- use barriques, 20% of the wines is aged in barrique and 80% in stainless steel tanks.

Burgum Novum

The name Burgum Novum represents the premium line of the winery since 1989 and it is the expression of the intense work and care from the vineyard to the vinification.

All four wines are aged in barrique for 12-18 months.

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Young and fresh ... this slogan joins the white and red wines of this line.

2 Cuvèes representing the young generation of the winery and the two classics, Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio in a modern and refreshing version.





The area

The Fattoria Il Palagio dominates a typical Tuscan knoll at Castel San Gimignano, near the historic town of Colle Val d'Elsa in the Province of Siena. Here we are in the very heart of an area, central Tuscany, that has had a profound effect on the history of art and on Italian civilization.

The terroir

Situated at an average altitude of 300 meters above sea level, the Il Palagio farm is really vast: it has a total area of 330 hectares, of which 90 are already planted with vines and 16 with olive trees.

Climate and soil

The climate is a typically continental one, with winters that are normally fairly harsh and hot, dry summers; the average annual temperature is 15°C. The soil is well-structured and silty in nature, and the vines' root systems can go down over 2 meters; it retains water well, which is very important especially in summer when conditions of drought tend to prevail.

Vineyards

The vineyards at Fattoria Il Palagio are all of modern conception, with a fairly high number of vines per hectare and use of the Guyot and Cordon Spur training systems.

Cultivation techniques

The vineyard is managed in such a way that the vines receive the greatest possible amount of sunlight, whilst maintaining their leaf systems in optimum condition and



aiming for a perfect balance between the vines and the grapes themselves so as to guarantee the highest possible quality in the wines produced.

Grape varieties and wines

The vineyards of Fattoria Il Palagio are planted with indigenous varieties like Sangiovese, that produce a traditional Chianti DOCG, and a Vernaccia of San Gimignano, but also with international cultivars like a Chardonnay with the scent of elderflowers, as well as an innovative Sauvignon Blanc, included in The Wine Enthusiast's list of the 100 best wines in the U.S.A. for 2002.



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The vineyards of Azienda Agricola Poggio Toccalta are located in the fertile Valpolicella area on the gentle slopes of the hills of Verona. The vineyard is managed by its director, Giuseppe Longo Turri, the last of generation of vintners who have established their historical presence there since 1784.

The vineyard is spread over 20 hectares half of which are cultivated with vines and the rest with highly specialised types of olives. From its excellent wines to the extra virgin olive oil which together reflect the characteristic ground and climatic conditions of the area, the production is based on natural cultivation techniques with modern technology also being used to develop the quality of the products and the long experience of the Longo Turri family that has made their products a major brand. The vine varietal choices are typical of the great wine making tradition of Valpolicella - Corvina, Rondinella, Corvinone & Molinara. The wines produced are Amarone, Recioto della Valpolicella, Valpolicella Ripasso and Valpolicella DOC. The cellar which has been recently inaugurated offers highly controlled temperatures and the most advanced technologies for storing wines. Limited production of quality wines is the strategy adopted by the wine producer preferring limited quantities of excellent quality to mass produced inferior wines.



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The Rivetto family began making wine in 1902 in Montaldo Scarampi, a small village located in the Asti region. In 1921 they decided to move to via Rattazzi in the old part of Alba, where they began a successful wine business. Nearly 40 years later, in 1939, Ercole, the family's patriarch, secured the winery's future when he purchased the Loirano estate from the Counts of Vassallo.

The estate sits 400 metres above sea level, occupying 89 acres that face the spectacular Serralunga d'Alba Castle and the charmingly picturesque village of Sinio. The vineyards extended from the southwestward along the highest hilltop. The land has been prized for many generations. As a token of esteem and hospitality, the Falletti family, owners of the Langhe property, best owed upon their cousins, the Vassallo Counts, this rich land located in Loirano, a region synonymous with age-old quality. Sinio is home to ancient wine cellars producing the Dolcetto d'Alba, the Barbera d'Alba, the Nebbiolo d'Alba, the Barolo and the Barbaresco all of which are consistently controlled to guarantee a level of quality enriching with age.

The methods of preparing the grapes are the result of four generations of wine making. Evolving technology combined with the region's fertile soil and the vineyard's mineral deposits work in perfect harmony. In the last decade, the Rivetto enterprise has steadily grown in diverse ways. The family has purchased some acres of vineyard land in Serralunga d'Alba, which promises to extend their production. They have opened a shop in historic Piazza Garibaldi, located in Alba offering their delicious wines to the public. The estate has opened its doors to tourists; allowing wine lovers and nature enthusiasts to stroll the magnificent grounds; experiencing the fascinating and delicious customs unique to a century old tradition.



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