

Radda in Chianti, Province of Siena

Established: 1981

Owners: Widmer family

Winemaker: Barbara Widmer

Production: 400,000

Hectares under vine: 26 + 20

Viticulture: Conventional



Swiss couple Brigitte and Bruno Widmer, together with daughter Barbara and son-in-law Martin, run this property better than clockwork. Podere La Brancaia is one of Tuscany's leading wine estates, each year winning national and international awards. The winery is located in the heart of the Chianti Classico zone at Poppi, in Radda in Chianti, and draws on its own fruit from Poppi and La Brancaia in Castellina. The vineyards have ideal south facing hillside locations at between 230–400 metres, planted to 6,000 vines per hectare on lean, stony, calcareous soil. Yields are naturally low, giving Barbara great ammunition in the three level gravity feed winery.

Tre IGT

Tre is a blend of three varieties; Sangiovese (80%) with Merlot and Cabernet, from three vineyard locations; Brancaia in Maremma and the two Chianti vineyards in Radda and Castellina. Aged in tonneaux (half new), the wine has bright and juicy Sangiovese fruit with the added richness and depth of a little Merlot and Cabernet.

Chianti Classico DOCG

Brancaia's Chianti Classico is produced as other estates would make their Riserva. A selection of their best Sangiovese, with a smidge of Merlot, matured in barriques (half new) for 16 months, followed by 6 months in the bottle. Loaded with perfumed juicy fruit, this is a rich and ripe style of Chianti that will benefit from some time in a decanter to allow the dark berry fruit to shine through the French oak polish.

Il Blu IGT

Brancaia's SuperTuscan 'Il Blu' made its debut with the 1988 vintage and has since garnered 11 Gambero Rosso Tre Bicchieri. A blend of 50% Sangiovese, 45% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, aged 20 months in barriques (2/3 new), the wine is perfumed and elegant with lush, decadent fruit. A can't keep your hands off style of wine that drinks well in its youth but cellars beautifully over 10-15 years. Sensational wine - sensational package.

Brancaia in Maremma

Established in 1998, Brancaia in Maremma is located southeast of Grosseto, about 12km from the Mediterranean in the municipality Scansano. The Maremma, established from reclaimed swamp land, is at a much lower altitude than Chianti Classico and the warmer mesoclimate has presented the opportunity to experiment more with international varieties in addition to Sangiovese.

Ilatraia IGT

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Sangiovese and 10% Petit Verdot aged 18 months in barriques (half new). The Sangiovese, here in its local clone of Morellino, shows more blackberry fruit that is well supported by a firm Cabernet driven backbone with the freshness of Petit Verdot. The palate is full bodied with silky tannins and a long finish.

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