

Radda in Chianti, Province of Siena

Established: 1980

Owners: Piero & Benedetta Lanza

Winemaker: Piero Lanza

Production: 60,000 bottles

Hectares under vine: 11.5

Viticulture: Biodynamic



It is difficult in this day and age to find the true artisan, a person with complete passion and dedication to a cause, which is why an encounter with Piero Lanza is so refreshing. Piero is totally devoted to his 11 hectare Chianti Classico property and to producing a wine that best expresses the typicity of Sangiovese, while reflecting the individuality of Poggerino's terroir. Located in the commune of Radda, Piero and his sister, Benedetta, took over the estate from their father in the mid 1980's and have extensively renovated the vineyards and, more recently, the old property at Bugialla in to a stunning agriturismo. The wines are typically full and rich yet retain beautiful elegance and perfumed fruit. They taste like Chianti should and they are always good, even in lesser years.

The attention to detail in the vineyard verges on fanatical, with biodynamic farming, careful clonal selection, close planted vines, nitrogenous cover crops, extensive canopy management and hand picking to ensure the best possible combination of concentration, acidity and ripe tannins. Wild yeast fermentation, modern winemaking techniques and French oak for maturation complete the process. The resulting wine reflects these labours and is a beautifully balanced and perfumed style of Chianti with floral notes, spice and ripe red cherry and berry fruit, the structured palate rounded by sweet persistent tannin.

Chianti Classico DOCG

100% Sangiovese aged in a combination of new and old barriques and tonneaux. Perfumed fruit of classic cherry and violets with berries and spice of cinnamon, cloves and pepper. The palate balances sweet and savoury notes with weight and substance, the fine grained tannins supporting a long finish.

Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 'Bugialla'

Produced only in the best years, this is 100% Sangiovese from 'Bugialla', a vineyard with a rocky substratum that is conducive to low yields. The wine spends 18 months in barriques and 16 months in the bottle prior to release and has substantial structure and ageing potential. Dark ruby in colour with wild berries, liquorice and tobacco on the nose; the tannins are full and round.

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