



Fattoria Zerbina “Ceregio” Sangiovese di Romagna Superiore

Trained in enology at the University of Bordeaux, after obtaining a degree in agronomy at the University of Milan, Cristina Giminiani has taken a radically new approach to viticulture and winemaking at her family’s estate, located in an area of Italy previously little known for quality wine production. Since taking over the estate in 1987, she has been called “of the most talented women in Italian wine” by the Wine Advocate and has been a regular recipient of the prestigious Tre Bicchieri award, such that the estate is listed among “The Stars” of the famed Gambero Rosso Wine Guide.

Fattoria Zerbina, named after a local warm southerly wind, is located at Marzeno in Romagna where the land begins to rise towards the Appennines that divide Romagna from Tuscany. The vineyards cover 29 hectares, more than 70% of which are planted to Sangiovese, and sit at an average altitude of 200 meters (656 feet) above sea level. Perfectly situated to benefit from the constant cooling breezes off the Adriatic Sea, they produced wines of breed, elegance, charm, depth of flavor and a personality able to rival their cousins in Tuscany on the other side of the Apennines.

This charming, great-value Sangiovese, aged entirely in stainless steel, is an addictive wine for young drinking. On the nose, it shows blackberry, cherry, peppery and spicy flavours. On the palate, it is supple and fresh. The name “Ceregio” comes from the local dialect and refers to the cherry fruit flavors. One hundred percent Sangiovese di Romagna, fermented in stainless steel for 7 to 8 months.

“Sometimes the impact of a winery is so positive that it enriches a whole area with its quality, consistency and continuity. This is true of Fattoria Zerbina...”

– The Gambero Rosso, 2007 ed.

“...this is the leading estate in Emilia-Romagna, has been so for fifteen years, and it cannot be ignored.”

– Wine Advocate #164, April 24, 2006



Despite, northern Italy's Albana di Romagna being Emilia-Romagna's only DOCG, it is Sangiovese di Romagna which is considered the king of Romagnan wines. There is much history linked with the Sangiovese variety which is believed to have originated in the Monte Giove (Jupiter mountain) According to legend, the variety’s name comes from a Cappuchin friar calling it Sanguis di Jovis (blood of Jupiter), later converted to Sangiovese. Sangiovese di Romagna’s was the first wine of the region to achieve the DOC status in 1967.

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