

TUSCANY

TERRABIANCA

Terrabianca Owners: Adriana and Urs Burkard

Fast Facts

Vineyard Surface:
569 acres (230 hectares)

Owner:
Adriana and Urs Burkard

Winemaker:
Vittorio Fiore

Established:
1988

Location:
Vagliagli

Region:
Siena



THE HISTORY

The first document testifying the existence of a rural property called “Terra Bianca,” meaning “white soil” due to the light-colored soil, is dated 1223. The Terrabianca we all know, however, began nearly a thousand years later, in 1988.

In the late 1980s and early '90s, the vineyards were overhauled. The vines, which had been last planted in the 1950s and '60s, were planted for quantity, not quality. This reflected the change in thinking in Italian viticulture at the end of the 20th century. The new planting system focuses on planting with higher density and uses new select clones. As a result, the vineyards began producing higher-quality grapes suited to Terrabianca’s wines.

The property covers 306 acres of vineyards, olive groves, and woodland. The second estate with an additional 222 acres was added in recent years, 43 miles away and close to Massa Marittima, in Maremma. The second property is called “Il Tesoro,” or “Treasure.”

Shortly after its modern-day foundation, Terrabianca became a major Tuscan star and the wines have reaped countless accolades worldwide – both for their quality and the stunning design of the labels and bottles.

The success story of Terrabianca started with Roberto and Maya Guldener in 1988 in the heart of Chianti Classico region. The winery now called Arillo in Terrabianca is approaching a new epoch with the change of ownership with Adriana and Urs Burkard,

a like-minded, equally committed family of Swiss and Italian origin.

Adriana and Urs, are now taking care of these unique terroirs and vineyards at the best age with their passion and drive to excellence. Because the highest quality wines of the region can mature only with such care and uncompromising dedication.

THE TERROIR

The original Terrabianca property is located in the heart of the Chianti Classico appellation, in the middle of Tuscany, 12 km from Siena and 50 km from Florence. The soil, which consists of layers of chalk, sand and clay from the Paleozoic and Mesozoic ages has the ideal composition to grow grapes of the highest quality.

Here, Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Trebbiano Toscano vines are planted with south/southeastern exposure.

The Il Tesoro estate, 222 acres, is situated in Massa Marittima. The soil in this area is renowned for its fertility which is enriched with minerals, that allows – in combination with the Mediterranean climate – high-quality grapes to grow here.

The Il Tesoro estate grows Sangiovese as well as produces extraordinary Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.



CAMPACCIO IGT: 40% Sangiovese, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 30% Merlot. The grapes come from the Chianti Classico property and Maremma (Il Tesoro) property. The vineyards located in the Chianti Classico property face southwest with an altitude of 650-850 feet above sea level. The calcareous soil dates back to the Cretaceous period, and the substrata composed of sand and clay. The vineyards located in the Il Tesoro property also face southwest but have an

altitude of 1,150-1,300 feet above sea level. The soil in Il Tesoro is clay loam. The wine ages 12 months in French and American oak barriques (300-liters) followed by 12 months in the bottle. Lively ruby color with notes of blackberries, cacao, and roasted almond. Balanced and harmonious on the palate with an excellent structure.



GRAPPA "LA BOMBA": Made with Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot marcs from Terrabianca. The grappa is aged three months in Cherrywood. The grappa is transparent with a faint straw yellow hue, wonderful floral notes and hints of ripe fruit. A dry, light and slightly oily finish.



CAMPACCIO RISERVA COLLEZIONE IGT: 40% Sangiovese, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 30% Merlot. The Riserva uses the same blend as Campaccio, but uses different clones and crus. The vineyards located in the Chianti Classico property face southwest and have an altitude of 650-850 feet above sea level. The soil is calcareous dating back to the Cretaceous period, and the substrate is composed of sand and clay. The vineyards located in the Il Tesoro property also face

southwest but have an altitude of 1,150-1,300 feet above sea level. The soil in Il Tesoro is clay loam. The Reserve ages 24 months in French and American oak barriques (300-liters) followed by 12 months in the bottle. Intense and deep ruby red, with garnet reflections and notes of red fruits, vanilla, and licorice. A three-dimensional wine with excellent body and elegance.



CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA "CROCE" DOCG: 100% Sangiovese from the Chianti Classico property. The vines are 15-20 years old with some younger vines around eight years old. The vineyards face southwest and have an altitude of 650-1,650 feet above sea level. The soil is calcareous dating back to the Cretaceous period, and the substrate is composed of sand and clay. The wine ages for 15 months in Slavonian oak barrels (50-hl) followed by an additional six months

of bottle aging. Brilliant ruby red with light purple reflections and notes of marasca cherry, plum, vanilla, and licorice. Balanced and harmonious on the palate with excellent structure.