

# CLASSICA INTERNATIONAL

# COL DORATO

**This Prosecco gets it just right.**

**Year Founded:** 2005

**Region:** Veneto, Italy

**Owner:** Classica International

**Winemaker:** Simone & Alessio Fabio  
(Ca' di Rajo Winery)

**Known for:** Classica International also distributes a variety of olive oil, pasta, rice, saffron, salt and spelt!

Col Dorato Prosecco Extra Dry DOC is produced by Societa Agricola Ca' di Rajo for Classica International NV. Classica International was founded as the commercial arm of the Avignonesi winery in Montepulciano, Tuscany, and distributes a careful selection of premium Italian wines around the world. From Piedmont to Sicily, the family of producers gathered under the Classica International banner share a common commitment to crafting genuine, terroir-driven wines.



## Col Dorato Prosecco Extra Dry D.O.C

Col Dorato is produced with Prosecco grapes grown in Rai di San Polo di Piave, near Treviso, in the Veneto region, an area characterized by a clayey, sometimes gravelly soil, resulting in grapes which lend to the wine a lovely bouquet of acacia flowers, apple, lemon peel and grapefruit. The perlage is delicate and persistent, exalting both the depth and the freshness of this Prosecco.



## Col Dorato Rosé Prosecco Extra Dry D.O.C

90% Glera, 10% Pinot Noir. Intended to enliven the most celebrated aperitifs and for raising a glass all over the world. Prosecco Rosé comes from the great sparkling wine tradition of the Treviso area, home to Italy's first winemaking school in Conegliano. This Prosecco has an elegant, very fine and persistent perlage. The noble red grape variety remains for a long period as grape must in order to extract its aromas and color, thus giving the sparkling wine its subtle pink nuance. Notes of rose, fresh berries and wild strawberries. Good structure, balanced and sapid, pleasant and harmonious on the palate.



## 2019 Col Dorato Chianti Colli Senesi

100% Sangiovese. The vineyards are in the southeast part of Tuscany in the province of Siena and nearby the town of Montepulciano. One year in Slavonian oak "Botti", this wine is unfiltered. Dry and lasting bouquet with hints of red berries.



# AVIGNONESI

## Organic, Single Vineyard Wines

**Year Founded:** 1974

**Region:** Montepulciano, Tuscany, Italy

**Owner/Winemaker:** Virginie Saverys, Ashleigh Seymore

**Fun Fact:** Largest biodynamic winery in Italy to date!

**-Certified Biodynamic, Certified Organic, Sustainable & Vegan-**

Avignonesi takes its name from the founding family of the estate and has undergone an exciting journey since its foundation. Acquired by Virginie Saverys in 2009, Avignonesi has grown in size and at the same time has become a leader in biodynamic viticulture in Italy. Thanks to Virginie's respect for the ecosystem, her staff and the final consumer, the winery has started to produce organic wines that are tied to their origins, yet singular and unique.



Sustainability also plays an important role in everyday life in Avignonesi. Today the estate has grown to 175 hectares of vineyards, including the purchase of a state-of-the-art winemaking plant in the Montepulciano appellation. It is Virginie's perseverance in taking care of the land and her irresistible willingness to produce a wine that is somewhat unique

and faithful to its origins that has allowed it to bring life back to the vineyards and create a healthier working environment for everyone. Born in Ghent, Belgium, Virginie graduated in law from the University of Paris in 1983. Before moving to Tuscany in 2007 and acquiring Avignonesi in 2009, Virginie had a very successful legal career in Belgium. But her love and passion for fine wines, which has always been in the family, led her to change her career and country to pursue her dreams. In 2009 she purchased Avignonesi with the intention of founding an established company for its quality, innovative research and experimentation and bringing it to a new level of excellence. Her great trust in organic products and in homeopathic medicine has meant the introduction of sustainable agriculture methods through biodynamic viticulture, which has made Avignonesi the largest biodynamic winery in Italy to date. Avignonesi wines enhance the richness and elegance of the Montepulciano heritage.

### 2020 Cantaloro Rosso

'100 Best for \$20 or Less' – Wine&Spirits 2022

55% Merlot, 33% Sangiovese, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon. Cantaloro is the entry wine of Avignonesi and is fruit forward, easy drinking and accessible. A fantastic option for an everyday bottle. 15-18 days of maceration on the skins at controlled temperature. Alcoholic fermentation is carried out by the yeasts selected from our pied de cuve. At least 12 months in oak casks, barriques and tonneaux. A versatile, young red!

**93 Points - '19 James Suckling** – *“A tight, focused red with currant and cherry character and hints of chocolate and sandalwood. Medium to full body, creamy and refined tannins that are long and flavorful. Very well done.”*





## 2019 Avignonesi Vino Nobile

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Made with 100% Sangiovese grapes highlighting the balanced and harmonious features of its habitat. 20-25 days of maceration at controlled temperature. Alcoholic fermentation is carried out by the yeasts selected from our pied de cuve. Pied de cuve is the process by which a vat of grapes is harvested in advance and used to prepare a natural yeast, specific for a grape variety and / or vineyard. This will become the basic yeast for the fermentation of all the other grapes, which will be harvested later. With this process we enhance the link between man, the vineyard and the wine that will be so representative of our habitat. At least 18 months in Slavonian oak barrels, oak barriques and tonneaux (500 ltr.) and at least 6 months in bottles.

**92 Points – James Suckling** – *“A savory and pretty nuanced Vino Nobile here showing orange zest, plums, grapefruit, mineral and fine spices. A twist of mineral salinity on the palate with firm, tense tannins and a pure, pithy finish.”*

**91 Points – Vinous**

**91 Points – Wine&Spirits**



## 2022 Avignonesi Da·Di Toscana IGT Bianco

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Born from Virginie’s intuition to rediscover the vocation of the Cortona area for the production of great white wines from indigenous grapes, Da Di Bianco condenses all of Avignonesi’s desire to experiment. A harmonious wine with a distinct and fresh personality. In the glass it opens intensely with floral notes of wisteria and lime, white peach and gooseberry. On the palate, the entry is precise and straight. Lemon peel, mint and the complexity of wildflower honey emerge. The marked acidity makes it long and elegant. In the aftertaste hints of flint stone bring back mineral notes.

A blend of Vermentino, Grechetto, Orpicchio and Trebbiano.

**Vermentino:** whole bunch pressing followed by fermentation and ageing in amphorae.

**Grechetto:** carbonic maceration for 6 days in steel stainless steel to enhance its aromatic profile, followed by alcoholic fermentation and aging in used barriques

**Orpicchio:** pressing of whole bunches followed by fermentation and aging in stoneware amphora and used barriques

**Trebbiano:** 48 hours of maceration of the destemmed grapes followed by fermentation and aging in used barriques. The individual wines rested on the fine lees over the winter before being blended and bottled in the spring.

**90 Points - James Suckling** - *“White pepper, red cherries, berries and some potpourri and seashells. Slim and linear on the palate with a light to medium body rounded by firm, fresh tannins. Peppery, berry-oriented finish. Cheerful and brambly.”*

## 2021/2022 Avignonesi Da-Di Toscana IGT Rosso



28.04% Canaiolo, 27.08% Sangiovese, 23.51% Mammolo, 15.67% Alicante, 5.7% Ciliegiolo. Avignonesi, the pursuit of excellence goes hand in hand with the experimentation of 100% Tuscan winemaking processes. The intention is to allow the habitat to prevail over external influences. For this particular wine, Avignonesi has put aside steel and oak in favor of Tuscan clay. The name Da-Di, the Chinese term for "land, soil", was chosen to underline this particularity. Da-Di is vinified in 13 terracotta vessels made in Tuscany – 8 were manufactured by Artenova in Impruneta, and 5 were manufactured by Laboratorio San Rocco in Torrita di Siena using clay from Mount Amiata. Vinification with 10% of whole bunches. Fermentation with indigenous yeast and maceration of approximately 30 days with manual punching down. Ages 6 months in amphora.

**90 Points - James Suckling** - *"White pepper, red cherries, berries and some potpourri and seashells. Slim and linear on the palate with a light to medium body rounded by firm, fresh tannins. Peppery, berry-oriented finish. Cheerful and brambly."*

# FABIO MOTTA

**Year Founded: 2009**

**Region: Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy**

**Owner/Winemaker: Fabio Motta**

**-Biodynamic, Organic-**

Fabio Motta, originally from Lombardia, began his adventure as a winemaker in Bolgheri in 2010 when he was thirty years old. However, he first came to the area 10 years earlier when he ventured into the vineyards to take part in the grape harvest as a student of agronomy. It was love at first sight in more ways than one, he fell in love with the territory and met his future wife, Benedetta Satta, daughter of the legendary vintner Michele Satta,

who has been part of Bolgheri's history and progress over the years. Fabio worked closely with Michele for 10 years until he decided to open his own business following his personal vision of Bolgheri. Fabio Motta founded his company on a viticulture attentive to the balance between the vegetative part of the plant, the fruit and the soil water content. Since 2015, Fabio has also started converting to biodynamic viticulture. In the cellar Fabio works in a simple way, with small volume fermentations, use of natural yeasts and without filtering the wines, in search of elegance and complexity rather than power and extraction, enhancing the cleanliness of the fruit and a marked freshness.





## 2021/2022 Pievi Bolgheri Rosso

50% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Sangiovese. Pievi vineyard, planted at 50 mt. a.s.l. (164 feet a.s.l.) on sedimentary clay mixed with sand, rich in iron. This vineyard is cordon- trained with a South-West exposition. Each variety is harvested by hand at full ripening in small baskets. Pievi is fermented in wooden barrels of 33 hl size with natural yeasts only. The cap is pushed down by hand twice a day and in the first days of fermentation. Frequent delastages are performed to let the must breathe. Normally the fermentation takes 2 weeks for each variety, after which the wine is blended and transferred into 2 and 3 year old barriques for the malolactic fermentation. This wine ages in oak for 12 months. Pievi is not filtered.

*“Black cherry marmalade and baked blueberry. It delivers a rich mouthfeel with sweet flavors and soft, chalky tannins.”* -Robert Parker

# MASSERIA SETTEPORTE

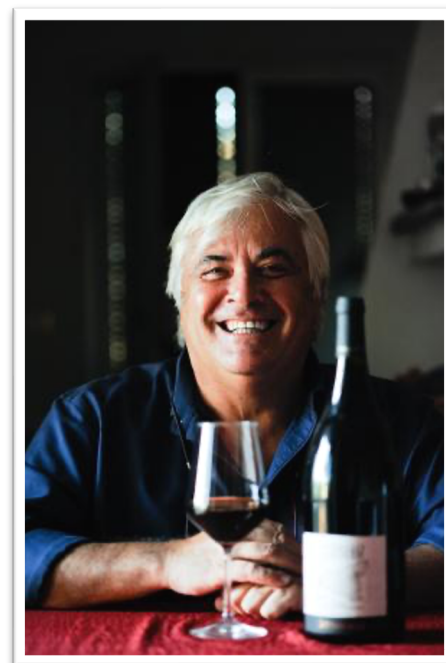
**Year Founded:**

**Region: Etna, Italy**

**Owner/Winemaker: Piero Portale**

**-Certified Organic-**

The Masseria Setteporte estate has been a generational holding in the Portale-family portfolio. The estate was first modernized by Ferdinando Portale who transitioned from bush to vertically trained vines. Piero Portale took ownership of the property in 2002 and extended the size from 12 ha to 27 ha. Of the 27 ha, approximately 16 were devoted to vineyards. The vineyards lie on terraces facing south at an altitude between 650 and 800 meters. The peculiarities of Tenuta Masseria Setteporte wine can be summarized in elegance and aromas combined with exceptional drinkability.



## 2020 Masseria Setteporte Etna Rosso

Nerello Mascalese, Nerello Cappuccio. Rustic, mineral, at times even herbal, but with a smooth and generous fruity core. This is the essence the Etna Rosso from Masseria Setteporte, produced with grapes from thirty-year-old vines which dig their roots deep into the volcanic soil of Mount Etna. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Maceration on the skins for about 5 days with 2 to 3 days of pumping over. Malolactic fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks and a minimum of 6 months in the bottle.

**92 Points – James Suckling** – *“Black berries, mushrooms and fresh flowers on the nose. Hints of bark and Spanish cedar. Medium-bodied with firm and silky tannins and a lightly chewy finish.”*

