



TOLAINI NEWS 2020

2020: OUR BEST VINTAGE TO DATE



2020 will be remembered for many things but here at Tolaini the silver lining is the promise of an incredible 2020 vintage.

Ideal conditions in the vineyard beginning at bud break meant we were able to harvest beautiful grapes that are on their way to becoming exceptional wines.

ACCOLADES FOR OUR NEW RELEASES!

We are proud to share the new scores our wines received this year!



**CHIANTI CLASSICO
VALLENUOVA 2018**

Gambero Rosso

 James Suckling
91 pts.

**CHIANTI CLASSICO
GRAN SELEZIONE 2016**

DoctorWine
95 pts.
 Vinous
93 pts.
 James Suckling
92 pts.
 AIS Vitae


AL PASSO 2017

James Suckling
94 pts.
 Vinous
92 pts.

VALDISANTI 2016

James Suckling
93 pts.
 Vinous
92 pts.

PICCONERO 2016

James Suckling
96 pts.
 Vinous
92 pts.
 Bibenda

 Veronelli


**LEGIT CABERNET
SAUVIGNON 2016**

Wine Spectator
95 pts.
 #13 on
 WS Top 100
 of 2020

LIA TOLAINI BANVILLE CONTINUES THE LEGACY OF HER FATHER, PIER LUIGI



Over the past 22 years Pier Luigi worked diligently to build Tolaini Estate into the great success it is today and his daughter Lia was at his side all along the way. Pier Luigi passed away in April, 2020 and since then his daughter, Lia Tolaini Banville, continues his dream at Tolaini of making top Tuscan wines honoring the distinctive terroir of Castelnuovo Berardenga.

Pier Luigi had a great passion for Super Tuscans and focused on making wines that featured international varieties. It was Lia's idea to also invest in championing Sangiovese, Tuscany's native varietal, and a grape that is suited to the unique terroir of Castelnuovo Berardenga.



2010 marked the first vintage of Tolaini's Vigna Montebello Sette Gran Selezione Chianti Classico. In 2015, Lia introduced the Vallenuova Chianti Classico, a 100% Sangiovese wine that was just recently awarded Gambero Rosso's coveted Tre Bicchieri for the 2018 vintage.

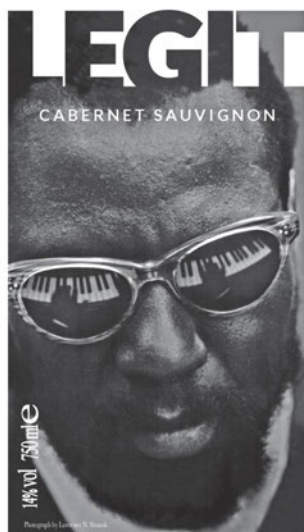
In addition to her work with Tolaini, in 2006 Lia conceptualized and developed four wines from Castelnuovo Berardenga under her own label: Donna Laura.

DONNA  LAURA



Lia is also the founder and owner of **Banville Wine Merchants**, a national importer for over 40 top wineries from Italy, France, Germany and England with a wholesale division in New York, New Jersey, Washington DC, Virginia and Oregon distributing over 200 wineries from around the world. Lia has recently expanded **Banville Wine Merchants** to Canada with agencies in Ontario and Manitoba.

Lia is committed to realizing her father's dream of making the best wine possible. As we open this next chapter in the story of Tolaini, Lia and her family will honor the impressive legacy of Pier Luigi while continuing to bring innovation and new ideas to the Tolaini Estate.



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INVESTING IN CASTELNUOVO BERARDENGA



In Spring 2021, we will replant 7.4 hectares of our vineyards in San Giovanni a Cerreto. After two years of careful planning and preparation, the Tolaini team decided to plant 6 hectares of Sangiovese and 1.4 hectares of Cabernet Sauvignon.

The predominantly sandy soil of this terroir helps to impart increased minerality and complexity in wines made from this region in Castelnuovo Berardenga. We expect to see the first clusters of grapes in 2023.

TRIPADVISOR



We are thrilled to be named the 2020 "Travelers' Choice" in the region of Castelnuovo Berardenga for the second year in a row! We look forward to welcoming you for a tour and tasting at Tolaini. Please contact hospitality@tolaini.it to book your visit!



**Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and
a happy and healthy New Year from
all of us at Tolaini!**

