



A New Horizon for Tolaini Winery

Castelnuovo Berardenga – June 20th, 2023 - For the past 25 years, Tolaini Winery has defined itself as a producer of world-class red wines that symbolize the unique terroir of Castelnuovo Berardenga, the southernmost commune in the Chianti Classico region of Tuscany. It was the land, that drew Pier Luigi Tolaini there in 1996 and its' promise for powerful, age-worthy wines that express this unique terroir. Today, Tolaini Winery produces five IGT International varietal-based wines and three 100% Sangiovese wines. With the recent release of PERLUI IGT and Mello IGT, Tolaini is paying homage to the foundational blends and is also exploring a high-elevation frontier. At the helm of the Winery is owner, Lia Tolaini Banville and by her side is winemaker Francesco Rosi who has worked with the consultants at Tolaini for the past fourteen years (Michel Rolland till 2017 and Luca D'Attoma till 2022). In 2023, Francesco has taken on the role as head enologist and director of production.

Tolaini, PERLUI Toscana IGT (Italian, For Him) is a wine dedicated to Pier Luigi "Louie" Tolaini, the founder of Tolaini Winery and Lia's father. "My father's favorite varietal at Tolaini was Cabernet Franc, for that reason it was my promise to him before he passed away that with the 2018 vintage PERLUI would be the flagship wine of Tolaini Winery. I am very proud of this wine, and I know my dad would be so satisfied with the results. A wine with structure, lush fruit, subtle power and yet an unrelenting freshness. This is the realization of my Father's dream, to make the best wine possible from this unique terroir."- Lia Tolaini Banville.

In contrast to PERLUI, Mello Toscana IGT is Lia Tolaini Banville's dream come true. Podere Mello is a high-altitude Sangiovese vineyard in Gaiole. The Cru was abandoned shortly after it was planted in 2001 by Ruggero Mazzilli and is now owned by Marco Benagli who maintains its purely organic untouched state. "The Mello Cru has one of the most unique locations as it is the highest vineyard in the Chianti Classico region. This Sangiovese delivers exactly what one would expect from this altitude (700 meters above sea level), an elegant, medium-bodied, juicy Sangiovese."- Tolaini Banville.

PERLUI and Mello are the results of over twenty-five years learning the limitations and opportunities present; the Genius Loci, which embodies much more than simple terroir.

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