

# CAPEZZANA

CONTE CONTINI BONACOSSI



In Carmignano the vine was already cultivated in the pre-Roman era, about 3000 years ago, as demonstrated by the wine vessels and tasting bowls found in the Etruscan tombs. In the state archives of Florence a parchment dated 804 was found: it is of a lease that documents how 1200 years ago olive trees and vines were grown in Capezzana for the production of oil and wine.

In the early Renaissance, a woman, Monna Nera Bonaccorsi, built the first “casa da Signori” and nine farmhouses with the relative wine-growing plants; it was 1475. Other generations and families took turns in the ownership of the estate: the Cantucci, related to the Medici, and the Marquis Bourbon del Monte. In the eighteenth century a married Cantucci Bourbon enlarged the farm and bought new farms; he also introduced an exemplary administrative method, the documents of which are still preserved today in the company's historical archive.

After the Bourbons of Monte the company passed to the Adimari Morelli and then to the Franchetti Rothschild and, by the widow Sara de Rothschild, and then to the Contini Bonacossi, our family, in 1920

In the 1920s, Count Alessandro Contini Bonacossi with his wife Vittoria purchased the Capezzana property, which was later expanded with the purchase by the Marquis Aman Niccolini of two neighboring farms, "Il Poggetto" and "Trefiano". Thus was born

the Capezzana Estate, divided into 3 farms and more than 120 farms, dedicated to the production of high quality wine and oil. Alessandro's passion for collecting led him to keep bottles, so that today Capezzana can boast a collection of historical vintages starting from 1925. In 1945 Alessandro, son of Alessandro, joined his son Ugo, veteran of the war and graduate, in 1945 in agriculture, which gradually took over the management of the estate, transforming it from a tenant farm into a modern company. Ugo, a man of other times but with broad views, exploited the enthusiasm and passion of his children, leaving each of them to manage a business. A perfect combination of Ugo's experience and the novelty of the fourth generation.

The first of the children to support his father was Vittorio, who barely eighteen took care of the all-round management of the company, until he became the manager of the campaign and the winemaker, dedicating himself particularly to the transformation towards organic. Today Capezzana is managed by a collaboration between the fourth and fifth generation. Beatrice is the sales manager, flanked by her sister Benedetta, the winemaker, and by her brother Filippo responsible for the production of oil and the financial part. The fifth generation has already begun to follow the family tradition, and today Serena, head of hospitality, and Gaddo, head of the countryside work in the company.



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