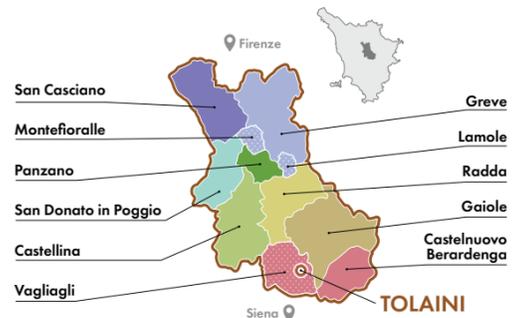


# THE WINERY

The vines are between 300–450 meters (1,000ft–1,500ft) above sea level. This location provides a large diurnal range, giving the wines both more elegance and freshness. The 50 hectares of vineyards were planted in spring of 2000. Before planting the vines, Tolaini conducted a “zonation,” evaluating which grape varieties would grow best in each respective microclimate, the zonation considered soil type, drainage and exposure. Grape varieties that were best suited to each area were then planted. The intention at Tolaini is to find the perfect synthesis between old and new: Respecting the land by farming sustainably and organically and then maintaining tradition in our winemaking process, while also using more modern techniques, like our optical sorting machine at harvest. Our fundamental philosophy is to grow the best grapes because you cannot make a great wine from mediocre grapes. Our goal is to make wines that reflect the great terroir of Castelnuovo Berardenga.

The Etruscans lived in central Tuscany over 2000 years ago. The Tolaini logo “Y” is an Etruscan letter “T” chosen as a tribute to these historical inhabitants and is sculpted into a 3-meter-high rock that stands at the front gate of the winery.

## THE CASTELNUOVO BERARDENGA UGA



Pier Luigi founded Tolaini winery in 1998 when he purchased two vineyards in the località of Vallenuova within the Chianti Classico Commune of Castelnuovo Berardenga.

Recently the Chianti Classico Consortium has taken on the daunting task of dividing the map of Chianti Classico into 11 UGA (Unità Geografica Aggiuntiva) to better define the terroir of Chianti Classico. When we look at the map of Chianti Classico, we now see UGA and no longer the communes. Some communes changed their designation and are now UGA but geographically the same as before; Gaiole, Castellina and Radda for example. San Donato in Poggio UGA was created by the joining the portion of the wine producing areas of the communes of Barberino Tavarnelle and Poggibonsi. The new UGA - Lamole, Montefioralle, Panzano, and Vagliagli are specific production areas under existing communes: Greve for the first three and the commune of Castelnuovo Berardenga for Vagliagli. Producers in the west wing of the commune of Castelnuovo Berardenga (the new Vagliagli UGA) can now choose if they want to be under the UGA of Vagliagli or the Castelnuovo Berardenga UGA. We at Tolaini have chosen the UGA of Castelnuovo Berardenga, (even if we are geographically in the Vagliagli UGA).

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When Pier Luigi Tolaini left his home in Castelnuovo di Garfagnana for North America at 19 years of age, he dreamed that he would make his fortune and then return to Italy, buy land and settle down. His energy and passion for excellence saw him build a transportation and logistics company that ranks among North America’s best. But it was to be almost half a century before here turned to his roots to make great wine. Pier Luigi’s four-

year search for a top Tuscan vineyard brought him to the prestigious region of Castelnuovo Berardenga in Chianti Classico, and to the historical properties of Montebello, Vallenuova and San Giovanni where he founded the Tolaini Estate in 1998. Over the past 22 years Pier Luigi worked diligently to make the best wines possible, and his daughter was at his side all along the way. Today Pier Luigi’s 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 love for international varieties. It was Lia’s idea to invest in Sangiovese, Tuscany’s native varietal, of which Tolaini now produces three 100% Sangiovese labels. These wines have taken their place along side the original three Super Tuscans Pier Luigi conceived.



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**VALLENUOVA CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG**

**Grape varieties:**  
95% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo

Vallenuova is the name of the estate and is still today the formal address of the winery. The Vallenuova vineyard surrounds our winery.



**VIGNA MONTEBELLO SETTE GRAN SELEZIONE CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG**

**Grape variety:** 100% Sangiovese

Montebello is the vineyard surrounding the Tolaini home adjacent to the winery on the estate. This is a single vineyard, a “cru”, 100% Sangiovese from the 2 hectare parcel “7” of this vineyard.



**AL PASSO IGT TOSCANA**

**Grape varieties:** Equal parts Sangiovese, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon

Al Passo is the name of the circular forest on our estate and is loosely translated as “at the passage.” The forest houses an Etruscan tomb dating back over 2500 years. This prominent landscape feature is the highest point of our Vallenuova vineyard.



**VALDISANTI IGT TOSCANA**

**Grape varieties:** 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Cabernet Franc

The chalice with a serpent is a symbol of Saint John the Evangelist and is taken from a painting that hangs in the small church that borders this vineyard. The image was chosen for this label to honor this historic land that bears his name.



**PICCONERO IGT TOSCANA**

**Grape variety:** 100% Merlot

Picconero is produced only in the best vintages. The name Picconero comes from Picco which is the Italian word for “peak” and nero, the Italian word for black, which Italians used several decades ago to refer to red wine.



**PERLUI IGT TOSCANA**

**Grape variety:** 100% Cabernet Franc

PERLUI is a wine dedicated to Pier Luigi “Louie” Tolaini, the founder of Tolaini estate. His dream was to produce the best wine from this unique terroir. PERLUI, 100% Cabernet Franc, which was his favorite varietal, is the realization of this dream.



**MELLO IGT TOSCANA**

**Grape variety:** 100% Sangiovese

Planted in 2001 at roughly 700 meters ASL, Mello is located in Gaiole and is the highest altitude vineyard in the Chianti Classico DOCG. The soil is Macigno, a well draining sandstone which imparts finesse and elegance to this cru’s Sangiovese.



**LEGIT CABERNET SAUVIGNON IGT TOSCANA**

**Grape variety:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

This wine is bottled as a single varietal to showcase its unique harmony of distinct terroir, robust bright fruit and lush round tannins. A truly LEGIT Cabernet Sauvignon. The label is the 1963 album cover of the iconic musician Thelonus Monk’s concert “Live in Milan”.



We are proud to be certified organic and carbon neutral.