

LORENZO COSTANTINI

Although we successfully worked with the wines of Villa Simone for over a decade, we decided to follow Piero Costantini's nephew and winemaker Lorenzo when he purchased, with his wife Fulvia, a small estate in Colle Mattia, one of the oldest areas of wine production in Frascati. The limited production, just 50,000 bottles, and the fact that Lorenzo is concentrating all his efforts and talents in the production of his own wines, convinced us to include his azienda agricola in our selection.

Lorenzo graduated at the Istituto di San Michele all'Adige (one of the best schools in Italy for viticulture and oenology) and worked as director of the famous Tenuta Ca' Bolani in Friuli and then for his family's estate in Frascati.

Lorenzo and Fulvia's vineyards stand in a zone where the historical estates of Frascati are located as the altitude (350 meters above sea level) and a perfect exposure make it ideal for viticulture: in fact the high temperature during the day and the cool nights favour aromas, while the volcanic/clayey soil, rich in minerals, and in potassium in particular, makes the wines particularly sapid. The azienda is tiny, the vineyard extension is only 5.5 hectares, strict organic practices are followed and only sulphur and copper base products are used. Bottles are stored in the hand hewn tufo (tuff) caves on the estate. In the old days one third of the whole production of Frascati wine was vinified in these vaults, 15 meters underground.

Two wines are produced, a lovely and elegant Frascati Superiore and a supple and fruity IGT red (a blend of mainly Sangiovese and Cesanese), first release the 2007 vintage. We are sure that you will approve our choice! ♦

Massarosa



Massarosa Frascati Superiore

Zone: *Colle Mattia, Frascati*
 Varietal: *30% Trebbiano, 30% Malvasia del Lazio, 40% Malvasia di Candia*
 Vineyard Ext.: *5 hectares*
 Average Prod.: *40,000 bottles*

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Massarosa Rosso Lazio IGT

Zone: *Colle Mattia, Frascati*
 Varietal: *45% Cesanese, 45% Sangiovese, 10% Montepulciano and Cabernet Sauvignon*
 Vineyard Ext.: *0.5 hectares*
 Average Prod.: *10,000 bottles*