

LE CINCIOLE

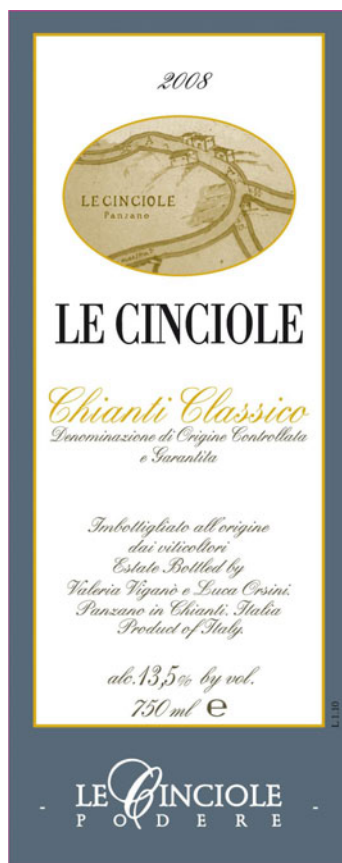
Le Cinciole is located roughly half a mile from the town of Panzano, precisely in the center of the Chianti Classico appellation. The vineyards are mainly in two distinct areas: Le Cinciole, the titular tract, adjacent to the house and cellars with an east-south-east exposure; Valle del Pozzo, over the hill of Panzano, facing south-east on the higher limits of the famous “Conca d’Oro”, one of the finest crus of the Chianti Classico.

The vines are pruned very short, producing 30 hectolitres per hectare on the average. The intensity of the wines, deep colour and lush flesh attest to uncommonly fine clonal selection.

Uncommon is also the focused dedication of the owners, Valeria Viganò and Luca Orsini. Every discussion, even every casual chat is tuned towards ideas of defining and making fine wine, or improvements and how to accomplish them. The Chianti Classico of Le Cinciole, aged one year in 20 hectolitre oak ovals rivals the very best wines in the area. For Petresco, a wine of clearly superior structure and breed, the aging occurs in French oak barriques for 18 months. Petresco is a selection from the vineyards that at best express the vintage.

Luca and Valeria also produce an IGT/proprietary wine, “Camalaione”, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Merlot. The use of international grapes is to prove that, when a terroir is particularly suitable for viticulture, its character is stronger than the one of the varieties grown. Finally, a rosato, a saignée of Sangiovese, has recently been released in order to offer a fresh and fruity wine.

The vineyards now extend for 13 hectares and, since the 2005 vintage, the estate is certified for organic viticulture. ◇



Chianti Classico

Zone: Panzano in Chianti
 Varietal: 98% Sangiovese,
 2% Canaiolo
 Vineyard Ext.: 9 hectares
 Average Prod.: 35,000 bottles



Petresco Chianti Classico Riserva

Zone: Panzano in Chianti
 Crus: a selection from the vineyards that at best express the vintage
 Varietal: 100% Sangiovese
 Average Prod.: 4,500 bottles