

Marta Valpiani

Elisa Mazzavillani makes wine with her mother, Marta Valpiani, in Romagna between the two ancient medieval villages of Castrocaro Terme and Terra del Sole. The two winemakers took over the combined 12 hectares of vineyards in 1998 with a desire to make beautiful wines. 2006 marked their first commercial vintage. Together, they shaped the vineyards and the wines have finally begun to garner critical attention.



Mazzavillani does not give much attention to the organic guidelines, but recognizes her obligation is that of a steward to the land that fate granted her. So she must protect, work, and ensure the health of the vineyards for future generations to take over. She began this campaign with reducing the weight of the glass bottles to lower the carbon footprint. She uses biodegradable ties on the vines that naturally decompose over time to supplement the otherwise strict use of green fertilizers. The cellar is intentionally simple and small with very little equipment, because Elisa and Marta work mostly by hand. Energy use is down as well with water and glycol temperatures in the cellar being regulated by solar power panels on the roof and the vehicles running on biofuels. A new chapter began in 2015 for Marta Valpiani with new labels designed by Mazzavillani and the introduction of biodynamic preparations.



ROMAGNA SANGIOVESE



SUPERIORE



Varietal/Blend: Sangiovese

Farming Practices: sustainable with biodynamic practices

Altitude / Exposure: 200-250 m / S,SE

Soil: clay and limestone / silt and yellow sands

Vine Training: cordon speronato / 3,333 vines per ha.

Harvest Technique: manual harvest in 2nd week of Sept.

Year Vines Were Planted: 1993-1997

Yeast: ambient yeast pied de cuve

Fermentation: maceration for 3 to 4 weeks with manual punchdowns

Malolactic: spontaneous fermentation (malic acid <0.2 g/L)

Maturation: 12 months in stainless steel, 2 months in cement, then 4 months in bottle

Acidity: 6.38g/L // 3.35 pH

Alcohol: 12.49%

RS: 0.6g/l

Fined: no

Filtered: no

Country: Italy

Region: Emilia Romagna

Sub Region: Romagna Sangiovese

Vineyard: 2 vineyards:

Production #s: 6,200 750ml bottles