



TIBERIO

ABRUZZO

The story of Azienda Agricola Tiberio rings more like a new world tale than one from the old world of the ancient lands beneath the Majella and Gran Sasso mountains in Abruzzo. At 350 meters, twenty three miles inland from the seaside city of Pescara near the hillside town of Cugnoli, Riccardo Tiberio found an old plot of Trebbiano Abruzzese vines roughly 50 years old so impressive that he decided to change his and his family's destiny. As the export manager for a well known cantina in the region, Riccardo knew well what Abruzzo grapes could offer and what the modern world expected.

He made the plunge in 2000, purchasing the 8 hectare old vine plot of Trebbiano Abruzzese with 31 hectares of land suitable for his single estate wines. Guided by decades of personal experience and one of Italy's most renowned nurseries, Riccardo planted a selection of indigenous varieties matched to the different soil characteristics in the vineyard. Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Trebbiano Abruzzese, and Aglianico, were planted along with Pecorino and Moscato di Castiglione clones from ancient vines in the area. Experiments with small plantings of international varieties were also undertaken. When Tiberio released its first vintage in 2004 the wine cognoscenti took notice of Tiberio's mineral whites and fruity reds.

In 2008, Riccardo Tiberio handed over the reins of the winery to his highly competent children, daughter Cristiana and son Antonio. The role of agronomist goes to Antonio while Cristiana handles the winemaking duties. She is a chemistry graduate with training stints in Champagne and Australia backed by repeated visits to the Mosel and Chablis. Cristiana is no stranger to the science of winemaking. In 2011 she took over all the winemaking duties and is now solely responsible for the wines made at the estate.

Tiberio's Trebbiano Abruzzese vines are especially noteworthy, as they are amongst the oldest in Abruzzo and the real thing. True Trebbiano Abruzzese is rare; much of Abruzzo's vineyards are actually planted to Trebbiano Toscano, until very recently routinely confused with Trebbiano Abruzzese. Trebbiano Abruzzese is the most noble, producing wines that while delicate and light bodied have greater depth and complexity.

- *Established in 2000 by Riccardo Tiberio*
- *First Vintage 2004*
- *Produces wines exclusively from Azienda Agricola Tiberio's 31 hectare estate vineyards*
- *Vineyards are at 350 meters elevation some 23 miles from the sea near the town of Cugnoli in Abruzzo*
- *Vineyards are limestone and limestone/clay*
- *Vineyards are planted with Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Trebbiano Abruzzese, Aglianico, Pecorino and Moscato di Castiglione*
- *Some Trebbiano Abruzzese vines are 50 years old, some Pecorino vines are 15 years old*
- *Riccardo's children are now at the helm, Antonio as agronomist and Cristiana as winemaker*



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Trebbiano d'Abruzzo DOP
 Pecorino IGP
 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOP
 Fonte Canale Trebbiano d'Abruzzo DOP