



Antinori's World of Wine

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The Antinori Family history is a narrative about devotion to winemaking that is woven through 635 years. Alessia, along with her sisters Albiera and Allegra, are the 26th generation now leading Marchesi Antinori – one of the longest running family businesses in the world.

The family has been making wine since Giovanni di Piero Antinori became part of the “Arte Fiorentina dei Vinattieri” or “Vintner’s Guild” in 1385. Throughout its long history, the family has always personally managed the business making innovative, sometimes courageous choices, always with unwavering respect for tradition and the land.

Over the past few decades, the Antinori family has invested in wine estates in the New World. The family owns and operates a beautiful estate in Chile called Haras de Pirque and in Napa Valley called Antica Napa Valley.

Alessia Antinori – Vice President of Marchesi Antinori

Alessia Antinori is the youngest daughter of Piero Antinori. She currently serves as Vice President of Marchesi Antinori. Alessia was naturally drawn to winemaking and graduated with a degree in Viticulture and Oenology from the Agrarian University of Milan. She has worked as a winemaker for the company and has been the driving force behind their sparkling wine brand, Montenisa, in Franciacorta.



With an avid interest in fine art and photography, Alessia personally oversaw the creation of the museum area and contemporary art installations at the Antinori nel Chianti Classico winery and also supervises the Antinori Art Project, dedicated to all the company’s new projects with a contemporary art focus.

Renzo Cotarella – Chief Enologist & Chief Executive of Marchesi Antinori

Renzo Cotarella is the Chief Enologist and Chief Executive of Marchesi Antinori with responsibilities that include overseeing the vineyards and winemaking for its estates in Italy and California as well as for its joint venture partnerships in countries including the U.S. and Chile. He is passionate in his belief that making great wine requires constant trial and error in both the vineyard and the winery.



Raised in a winemaking family in Monterubiaglio, Renzo graduated the University of Perugia with a degree in Agricultural Sciences in 1977. Following graduation, he worked part-time overseeing the first plantings of Chardonnay at Castello della Sala in Umbria before becoming its winemaker in 1981. In 1998 he became Corporate Officer of Marchesi Antinori and its CEO in 2005.



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Haras de Pirque - Chile

Haras de Pirque winery is located in Chile's Maipo Valley, about 18 miles south of Santiago. The unique wine cellar is shaped like a horseshoe, recalling the historical link with the thoroughbred farm. This project represents Marchesi Antinori's desire to produce high quality organic wines that express Chile's winemaking potential while promoting the Maipo Valley's extraordinary terroir.

Villa Antinori – Chianti Classico

The Antinori family's roots (and heart) are in the Chianti Classico. This not only dates back to 1385 when Giovanni di Piero joined the Winemakers Guild of Florence, but also a monumental occasion in 1716, when Antonio Antinori led a Commission tasked by Cosimo III de' Medici to define the geographical boundaries of the world's first wine appellation: Chianti Classico. This forever linked the region to the Antinori family.

The Villa Antinori collection of wines represents the Antinori family's respect for Tuscan winemaking tradition as well as a commitment to experimentation and evolution. Only grapes from the most promising vineyards on the Antinori family's Tuscan estates are destined for wines that bear the Villa Antinori name.

Antica Napa Valley

The name Antica originates from the words Antinori and California; and represents the Antinori family's longstanding desire to craft exceptional estate wines that are a true expression of Napa Valley terroir. The 1200-acre estate has 600 acres of vines on it, planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, as well as smaller amount of Bordeaux blending varieties, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Sangiovese and Sauvignon Blanc.

Haras de Pirque Albaclara Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley 2018

Albaclara is made with 100% hand-picked Sauvignon Blanc grapes from the Leyda Valley in Chile. The wine has crisp acidity with citrus and herbal notes.

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Villa Antinori Chianti Classico DCG Riserva 2016

The story of Villa Antinori represents a long journey leading to the creation of a Tuscan classic. In 1928, Marchese Niccolò Antinori created the Villa Antinori name for a Sangiovese-based wine he had carefully crafted to improve with age. With the 2010 vintage, Marchesi Antinori added Villa Antinori Chianti Classico Riserva to the Villa Antinori Toscana IGT Rosso and Bianco.

90% Sangiovese, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Antica Napa Valley 'Mountain Select' Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is the inaugural vintage to carry the Mountain Select designation. As harvest nears each year, the Antica winegrowing team meticulously selects those mountain blocks, or rows within a block, that best highlight the characteristics for our desired style of Cabernet Sauvignon. Approximately 18% of the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon harvest was selected for the final blend of the Mountain Select Cabernet Sauvignon.

95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc
