

## CANTINA DI CUSTOZA – COMPANY PROFILE

The Custoza Winery, founded in 1968 by 83 winegrowers, today has 200 members who deliver grapes from over 1,000 hectares of vineyards. Vineyards are on hills and foothills, exposed to the south and located south-west of Lake Garda. Terrains are glacial moraines made primarily of limestone, gravel and sand. The climate is mild and temperate.

Here we find the main grape varieties traditionally grown in the province of Verona: Corvina, Garganega, Trebbiano di Lugana, Tocai Friulano, Molinara, Rondinella, Riesling Italico, Merlot, Malvasia, Cortese and many others.

These vines tell us the story of these lands and their nature. Their products are the fruit of enthusiasm and dedication by all Winery members who labor, and who constantly innovate, to offer a range of highly diversified wines, all tending towards qualitative excellence. Custoza Winery product lines include “The Classics”, “Val dei Molini”, “Sparkling wines”, the “Biologic Line” and, latest on the market, our “Custodia” selection, exquisite wines with special sensorial properties: Custoza DOC Superiore “Le Noci”, Corvina/Cabernet Sauvignon Igt Cordisasso and Custoza DOC Passito “Santalussia”.

The Custoza Winery offers a complete picture of hard work dedicated to qualitative excellence. The Winery has implemented a quality management system for production, bottling and sale of wines which has, among other things, received important recognition including, among others, UNI EN ISO 9001:2000 Certification. Quality System principles are also implemented in traceability along the wine production line (UNI 10939 Standard Certification) and in terms of environmental management (UNI EN ISO 14001:2004 Standard Certification).

Innovation and striving for quality, backed up by solid traditions and impassioned dedication: these are the mainstays that support our mission, the plus-factors that have helped us grow constantly over the years and reach important goals not only in Italy but also throughout the world, exporting to the United Kingdom, Germany, Holland, Belgium, the Scandinavian countries, the USA and the Arab Emirates.

This uninterrupted rise by the Custoza Winery is also confirmed by prizes and awards from some of the most important wine competitions such as, in 2005, the

Silver Medal for Corvina/Cabernet Sauvignon Igt of the Custodia “Cordisasso” line at the “Challenge International du Vin”, the Merit Diploma for Lugana DOC Val dei Molini, Bianco di Custoza Doc Superiore of the Custodia “Le Noci” line and Bardolino Doc Chiaretto Classico at the “Verona Wine Top” competition and, to continue, the Honorable Mention Diploma for the Biologico Bianco di Custoza DOC “Terre in Fiore”, Corvina Garda “Val dei Molini” and Corvina/Cabernet Sauvignon of the Custodia “Cordisasso” line during the 13<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Vinitaly International Wine Competition in 2005.

These many successes, the result of consolidated experience enriched by collaboration with the colleagues from Trent and New Zealand, mark the history of the Custoza Winery: a story of winemaking enthusiasm and traditions which, combined with leading-edge technologies,