

FALTOGNANO

Chianti Montalbano

Tuscany

FATTORIA DI FALTOGNANO

“Much happiness comes to men who have the fortune to be born where wine is good”, wrote Leonardo da Vinci of his hometown (His surname means “from Vinci”). He may well have made this statement tasting the wine of Roberto Comparini’s ancestors, the Comparini Bardzky family, whose ownership of this estate dates back to around 1,000 AD.

The winery of Fattoria di Faltognano sits high up on the slopes of the Monte Albano, between Florence and Pisa, surrounded by its many olive groves and looking down on the town of Vinci and the Arno River valley. On clear days, one can see Pisa, Livorno and the Tyrrhenian Sea. During WWII, German officers occupied the Faltognano villa to take advantage of this view for surveillance purposes. The vineyards lie downhill from the winery, closer to the town of Vinci, where the sandstone and calcareous soil of the slopes blends with the sandy clay of the lower Arno plain. The uniqueness of the Faltognano property lies in the continuity of its ownership and traditions. The vines and olive trees have been grafted and replanted, generation after generation, from the estate’s own stock and by the estates own workers, whose families have also lived here for generations. They can therefore be considered uniquely acclimated to the microclimate of Faltognano. Wine has been made here for centuries, but never bottled until Roberto Comparini decided it was time to let the world know the uniqueness of his property through his olive oil and wines. To this end, many important changes were made in the vineyards (the density from 3,000 vines per hectare, considerably dense for old plantings, was and is moved to as high as 5,000 vines per hectare) and in the cellar acquiring technologically up to dated equipment.

Fattoria di Faltognano has 18,000 olive trees covering 62 hectares (155 acres). Up until a few years ago the estate had its own mill for the olives, but the difficulty of finding properly trained manpower, a major problem in the Tuscan countryside, forced the owners to dismantle it. Now, under the direction of Roberto Bardzky Comparini, who is striving to make the products of Faltognano known beyond the Montalbano region, a new, modern mill will start to “frangere” the olives of Faltognano in October 2005.

Below: The historic villa of Faltognano, which during the Second World War, was inhabited by the Germans to take advantage of the view it offered of the entire valley of the Arno River. It is now used as a part-time residence by members of the Bardzky family, but is very well maintained.



Above: The view from the Fattoria di Faltognano is absolutely breath-taking! This photograph looks down to the bottom of the mountain, at the historic, medieval village of Vinci, within whose commune the great artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci was born.





















Leonardo
da Vinci







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Property Name:	Fattoria di Faltognano	Region:	Tuscany	Total size:	180 ha. (543 acres)
Established:	ca. 1000 AD	Province:	Florence	Total vineyards	19 ha (47 acres)
Township:	Vinci	Wine area:	Chianti Montalbano	Years planted:	1969
Owner's name:	Roberto Bardzky Comparini	Oenologist:	Francesco Bartoletti	Re-planting:	1985-95 – ongoing process
Tot. Production:	85,000 liters	Agronomist:	Domenico Tancredi	Soil:	Sandy clay w/ calcareous sandstone
Territory & Locality:	Gentle slopes	Gen. Manager	Roberto Comparini	Yield x vine:	1 Kg
Elevation:	200m (650 ft.) asl	Cellar Capacity:	2750 hl	Density:	3-5,000 vines/ha
First Traded:	1800	Wood:	200 hl	Training:	Spurred cordon & "a cristo"
Agriturismo:	Yes			Harvesting:	By hand

Extra Virgin Olive Oil Acidity: below 0.25%
Olive varieties: Mostly Moraiolo, Frantoio & Leccino

- Notes:**
- One of the most unique facets of Faltognano is the "patrimony" of their olives and vines. For generations all grafting of plants have occurred within their property, creating singular clones perfectly adapted to their soil and climate.
 - The vineyards are harvested one at a time and fermented separately, due to the varying altitudes and ripening periods.
 - The entire mountainside on which Fattoria di Faltognano is located faces due south.
 - "A Cristo" is a traditional training system of the area in which two vines are trained up a tee-shaped pole, crossing over at the horizontal piece and then extending outward, thus resembling Christ on the cross.

<u>WINES</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION, FERMENTATION & AGING</u>	<u>GRAPES</u>	<u>AVG. PRODUCTION</u>
CHIANTI MONTALBANO 12.5% Alc./Vol.	CHIANTI MONTALBANO DOCG The harvested grapes are placed in small baskets and transported to the cellars. After destemming and crushing, the must is fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel for 30 days, punching down the cap twice daily. The following July, the wine is raked, bottled and released for sale about one year following the harvest.	95% Sangiovese 5% Canaiolo & Malvasia Nera	40,000 btl.
CHIANTI MONTALBANO RISERVA "I COMPARINI" 13.5% Alc./Vol.	CHIANTI MONTALBANO RISERVA DOCG The harvested grapes are placed in small baskets and transported to the cellars. After destemming and crushing, the must is fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel for 30 days, punching down the cap twice daily. The wine is then transferred into 30 hl. casks, where the malolactic fermentation takes place and it is then aged for 2 years. It then is settled in cement tanks for 3 months before bottling. The bottles are kept in Faltognano's cellars for a minimum of six months before its release to market.	80% Sangiovese 15% Canaiolo 5% Malvasia Nera	5,000 btl.
"MERIZZO" 14% Alc./Vol.	ROSSO TOSCANA IGT Grapes are destemmed, soft-pressed and go through both alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in large wooden tuns. The wine is then transferred to French tonneaux where it ages for 12-18 months. After bottling, the wine is kept on the property for a minimum of 6 months rest before its release.	40% Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Merlot 20% Malvasia Nera 10% Pinot Nero	5000 btl.
"POGGIO DEL FURIA" 14% Alc./Vol.	ROSSO TOSCANA IGT The alcoholic and malolactic fermentation is carried out in 35hl wooden casks shaped as truncated cones. The wine is then transferred to French tonneaux and barriques where it ages for 15-18 months. After bottling, the wine is kept on the property for a minimum of 6 months rest before its release.	45% Merlot 45% Syrah 10% Sangiovese	2,600 btl.

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TENUTE DELLA NOBIL CASA
COMPARINI BARDZKY

*Fattoria
di
Faltognano*

CHIANTI
DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE
CONTROLLATA E GARANTITA



TENUTE DELLA NOBIL CASA
COMPARINI BARDZKY

**FATTORIA DI
FALTOGNANO**

2002

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COMPARINI BARDZKY

**FATTORIA DI
FALTOGNANO**

2001

*Riserva
di Comparini*

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FALTOGNANO**

MERIZZO
ROSSO DI TOSCANA
INDICAZIONE GEOGRAFICA TIPICA



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COMPARINI BARDZKY

**FATTORIA DI
FALTOGNANO**

2001

*Poggio
del Furia*

ROSSO

TOSCANA
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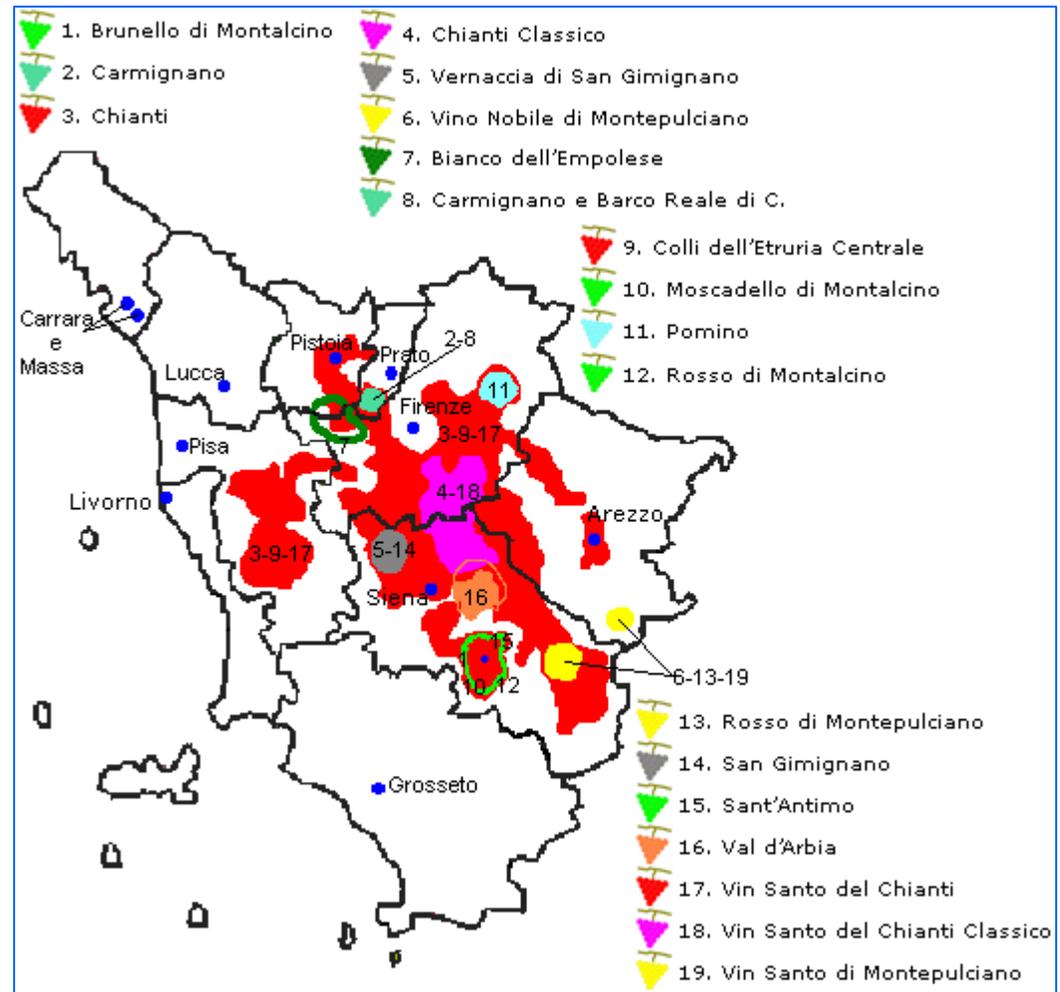
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wine zone is a small
area in Florence
Province bordering with
Pistoia and Prato
provinces.**

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