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NEWSLETTER

THE GAJA FAMILY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF CA'MARCANDA

Cheers to 30 years of Ca'Marcanda! The first venture outside of his family's eponymous Piedmontese estate, the esteemed vintner **Angelo Gaja** purchased 69 hectares in Bolgheri in 1996. Always looking ahead, Angelo challenged convention, planting to international varietals, mainly Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Since then, the Gaja family has added 48 additional hectares in Bibbona. *"Understanding Bolgheri was a gradual process. We learned by allowing ourselves to be guided by what the territory showed us, year after year,"* says Angelo, recalling the early days of the estate. This humble approach has long since paid off: Ca'Marcanda has grown to a winery of international renown, and we are thrilled to celebrate 30 successful years!



Angelo Gaja

On April 9th and 10th, the Gaja family hosted a celebration at the winery for their friends and trade partners. **Gaia Gaja** shares: *"In these 30 years we have worked a great deal, [...] and today Ca'Marcanda is a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, a pearl in Bolgheri's Shell. The 30th anniversary becomes a moment to look ahead. The future will always be rich in surprises, enthusiasm, and ambitious projects, because adapting and experimenting are the keys to moving forward."* Attendees released butterflies in symbolic commemoration of the tricennium.



Gaia Gaja and Giovanni Gaja

In conjunction with the anniversary celebration, **Giovanni Gaja** embarked on a U.S. tour, hosting events in New Jersey, Washington DC, Austin, and Las Vegas. Thanks to everyone who joined us in market with Giovanni to share the newest vintages from Ca'Marcanda, spotlighted below!



Laura Corrigan, Giovanni Gaja, Gian Intermaggio, Skyler Ring

The accomplishments of Angelo in the growth and establishment of **GAJA, Ca'Marcanda, Pieve Santa Restituta, and IDDA** – now being ushered into the next chapter by his children Gaia, Rossana, and Giovanni – is nothing short of remarkable. We look forward to what the next 30 years have in store for Wilson Daniels and the Gaja family.



Vistamare Toscana IGP 2025

The Vistamare vineyards overlook the Tyrrhenian coast, benefiting from warm sunshine and cooling marine breeze. Heavy rain and above warm temperatures in both winter and summer ushered in an early harvest, which kicked off August 18th. The resulting vintage boasts a layered aromatic profile: white spice, herbs, fresh pineapple. A smoky reduction folds into hints of vanilla and green almond, lending depth to the savory finish.

Promis Toscana IGP 2024

Temperatures often above average combined with frequent rainfall were a defining feature of the 2024 vintage. Made from grapes harvested from the Bibbona vineyards, Promis shows a deep and composed aromatic expression of Mediterranean herbs blended with ripe red fruit. The palate boasts an elegant balance between fruit and sweet spiciness for a harmonious vintage marked by depth, Mediterranean warmth, and a refined structural balance.

Magari Bolgheri DOP 2024

Planted to vineyards on both dark soil full of lime and clay and white soil rich in limestone, clay, and stone, Magari 2024 boasts subtle balsamic notes tied with black tea and crisp, small red fruit. The finish is savory, open, and highly expressive, with long persistence that highlights the wine's aromatic clarity and precision.

Camarcanda Bolgheri DOP 2023

Brightness underscored by velvety tannins speak to the flagship Camarcanda's balance between ripeness and restraint. Showcasing berries, violet, and sandalwood, well-integrated tannins married with energetic acidity lead to a persistent finish. The 2023 vintage shows a classic profile likened to the wines of the 1990s.



CIAO AMERICA: ITALIAN WOMEN WINEMAKERS EMBARK ON US TOUR!

May ushered in warm weather and a visit from **Karoline Walch** of **Elena Walch**, **Federica Mascheroni** of **Castello di Volpaia**, and **Elena Pozzolini** of **Tenuta Sette Cieli**! These accomplished women embarked on a US tour, visiting Austin, Chicago, New York, and Seattle. Thank you to our trade friends who joined us to learn from these accomplished winemakers. We had a BLAST sharing the infectious personalities and stellar wines of Karoline, Fede, and Elena on the tour, and if you missed us, we hope you will join us in tasting through their most recent releases, all available through our **Spring Luxury Offering!**



Claire Gibbs, Karoline Walch, Federica Mascheroni, Elena Pozzolini, and Fernanda Gonzalez Blanco Serrano



Karoline Walch, Federica Mascheroni, and Elena Pozzolini



Chris Raftery, Alessandro Boga, Federica Mascheroni, Elena Pozzolini, and Karoline Walch

ELENA WALCH

The fifth generation family-run estate in Alto Adige led the quality revolution in the area. An architect by trade, **Elena Walch** married into one of the oldest and most significant wine families of the region and brought new, modern concepts to the traditional approach, including a focus on single vineyard wines. She has since passed the torch to her two daughters, Julia and Karoline, who continue pushing quality winemaking in Alto Adige.

Beyond the Clouds Alto Adige Bianco DOC 2023

Beyond the Clouds 2023 unfurls with exotic fruits such as pineapple, notes of blossoms and flowers, of rose petals and light toast aromas. The wine boasts fullness and structure, creamily soft and elegant, stimulatingly fresh and juicy with a discreetly incorporated, modest note of wood and a long reverberation of taste.

Karoline Walch describes their tete de cuvée: *"I personally love this vintage. To me the 2023 vintage really highlights the minerality and the salinity coming through and the oak is very nicely integrated and it's more on the crisp side, more vertical. It's a wine that definitely will age for a long time."*

Vigna Kastelaz Gewurztraminer Alto Adige DOC 2024

The single vineyard "Kastelaz" stands on a steeply sloped southern-exposure vineyard 330-380 meters above sea level. The resulting Gewurztraminer 2024 is both elegant and mineral with notes of roses and lychee as well as subtle acacia honey. On the palate, it is convincing and complex with an elegant structure, stimulating acidity, and a harmonious spicy freshness.

Kristallberg Pinot Bianco Alto Adige DOC 2024

After a rainy spring, summer kicked off with fresh temperatures folded into dry, warm summer weather. High temperatures and ample sunshine in midsummer created ideal conditions for the ripening process. The resulting wine opens with pears and white stone fruits. An undercurrent of spiciness from green walnuts and smoky mineral aromas creates depth and complexity. Acidity carries through the persistent finish.



Karoline Walch, Proprietor



CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA



Federica Mascheroni, Proprietor



Castello di Volpaia is located in a storybook 11th century village of the same name. Owned by the Mascheroni Stianti family, Volpaia is not only one of the most historical but also one of the highest elevation wineries in Chianti Classico. From its southern exposure vineyards, the winery delivers certified organic Sangiovese-based wines of finesse and a terroir-focused approach.

Federica Mascheroni explains what it means to her to have learned how to make wine and run the winery from her mother: *"What I see is what my mother has done until now. She has really been the soul of Volpaia and being able to follow in the footsteps of my mother and proudly promote and keep working for the estate is really incredible for me and makes me really proud."*



Balifico Toscana IGT 2022

August was characterized by heavy rains and high temperatures, resulting in thick-skinned berries with ripe tannins. The resulting nose is elegant, displaying aromas of blackberry and blueberry with hints of oak and cinnamon. This is a smooth wine with good structure and a long finish tasting of red fruit.

Il Puro Chianti Classico Gran Selezione DOCG 2021

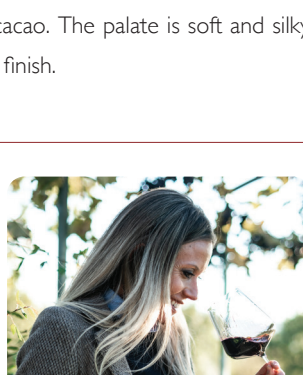
A cool growing season gave way to an above-average summer, resulting in early harvest. Il Puro 2021 shows an exceptionally elegant nose of fresh cherry and violet—classic Sangiovese—layered with subtle notes of vanilla and cacao. The palate is soft and silky, with a compelling fruit-driven mid-palate and an exceptionally long finish.

TENUTA SETTE CIELI

Tenuta Sette Cieli is located 400 meters above sea level on the Tuscan coast between Bolgheri and Castagneto Carducci. The 7 hectares of terraced vineyards are planted to international varietals Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Malbec. Elena Pozzolini discusses her winemaking ethos: *"My approach is to respect the place. I'm never working with a recipe in mind in either the cellar or the vineyard. My idea is to follow the seasons and to try to preserve what we grow without forcing anything. We have a really special place at Tenuta Sette Cieli."*

Indaco Toscana IGT 2021

2021 boasts a beautifully balanced vintage. A rainy, mild winter allowed for the calcareous soil to shore up reserves ahead of a dry spring and warmer-than-average summer. The resulting 2021 Indaco shows elegant textures, vivid aromatics, and a long, composed finish—defined by finesse over power and exceptional parcel clarity.



Elena Pozzolini, CEO and Winemaker

