## Quercia al Poggio

## Italy - Toscana

Querca al Poggio is situated 400 meters above sea level at Monsanto, in Tuscany's Barberino Val d'Elsa. Owned by the Rossi family since 1997, the property extends over 100 hectares of woodland nature reserves, where vines and olive trees are organically cultivated.

Quercia al Poggio is a 19th century farming settlement and former Vallombrosa monastery. Michela and Vittorio Rossi have renovated the estate and vineyards, combining respect for its traditions with modern opportunities for winemaking and hospitality.

The original Sangiovese vines have been joined by new plantings of Ciliegiolo, Colorino, Canaiolo and Malvasia Nera. The estate produces Chianti Classico and a small Sangiovese Riserva selection. The winery takes care in all aspects to preserver and showcase the true elegance and structure of their Sangiovese, from research and implementation of new planting techniques, clones and rootstock to extending maceration, oak aging and bottle aging.

Vineyards are located on the hill, half overlooking the north valley towards Barberino Val d'Elsa and half looking south towards Castellina. The structure of the limestone and clay soil with sections of schist and calcareous-clay galestro, and the special location of the vineyards afforded by the geological formation of the hill itself, ensure sunlight and low humidity.

