

## CASA EMMA

Casa Emma, "Emma's house", is located in the township of Barberino Val d'Elsa between Florence and Siena. The Bucalossi family purchased the property in 1972 from a wealthy Florentine Noble Lady named Emma Bizzarri. Between 1972 and 1978 the vineyard was constructed, together with the olive-grove and the winery. The typical Tuscan stone farmhouse was restored to its original conditions, and it is now inhabited.

This magnificent property covers today approximately 34 hectares with an average altitude of 420 meters. The vines extend for 21 hectares and olive groves cover 2.3 hectares of ground. In early nineties we purchased 19 hectares of land; ten hectares of wood and nine hectares of land suitable for vines. On this land we started to plant Sangiovese at 5,000 plants per hectare. Passersby often notice our vineyards for their perfectly groomed condition.

The area south of San Donato in Poggio, where our winery lies, is quite rugged terrain. It is very hilly and mostly woodland. Winter months are characterized by abundance of rain and frequent snowstorms. During the spring the climate is mild; the summer is hot and dry.

Along with wine, we also produce grappa, a vinegar from Sangiovese wine and an excellent olive oil from Frantoio, Leccino, Morellino and Pendolino olives. We take great pride in our oil as well and work hard to follow the required regulations of the Terre del Chianti Classico Consortium including hand harvesting from the branch (the olives cannot be shaken from the tree) and a final total acidity of less than 0.5%.

Casa Emma has implemented a very different and original initiative, the creation of the Parco Botanico del Chianti, the Chianti Botanical Park where, with the cooperation of the Universities of Florence and Modena, are preserved and studied flowers and trees of the Chianti zone. It is open to the public for guided visits. In the 5 hectares of the park, it will be built a small Astronomical Observatory with the cooperation for the communes of Castellina, Barberino and Tavarnelle with the support of few other organizations (see <http://www.osservatoriodelchianti.it>) -

**Giuseppe, Fiorella & Alessandro Bucalossi**

The magnificent vineyards of Casa Emma and Giuseppe, Alessandro & Fiorella Bucalossi.

