## I FABBRI CHIANTI CLASSICO 'TERRA DI LAMOLE'

**ORIGIN** Italy, Tuscany, Lamole

WINE TYPE & VARIETIES Still dry red, Sangiovese and Canaiolo

## SOIL

Sandy with loose soils from sandstone rocks

AGE OF VINES Around 25 years old

VITICULTURE Certified organic

## VINIFICATION

Harvest done by hand and then fermentation starts with indigenous yeast, fermentation taking place in cement tanks for 2 weeks, then ageing is done partly on cement and partly on French oak tonneaux (500l) for around 10 months before blend and bottling. The territory of Casole has belonged to the Grassi family since the 1600s. They were winemakers, but also blacksmiths: they owned a workshop located in the ancient village overlooking the farms that has been used for many years for agricultural activity. This is where the name of this town and of the company originates.

Susanna's great-grandfather Olinto had dedicated his life to this estate: he was a modern, far-sighted man, and in the 1920's he started selling bottled wine, which was not common at the time At the end of the 90's Susannas agricultural destiny began to come forward through a casual commercial consultancy: this experience brought her back to the old property that they had abandoned for too many years and was struck by this place now so different, empty and sad, but of a bewildering beauty.

She decided to give up her job and breath new life into their family tradition: wine production in Lamole. From that moment Susanna took back the vineyards, which until then only gave grapes to other producers in the area and began producing her own Chianti Classico. This is how her adventure with I Fabbri began. She started without a specific experience, she only had a mountain of good memories and three very clear ideas, that is to give back the right dignity to that place, produce typical quality wines in a traditional way and sell bottles with their brand.

Production is now approximately 30,000 bottles a year. She produces almost exclusively Chianti Classico as well as a little Merlot. The soil here is so sandy and crumbly that terraces up to almost 700 meters above sea level need to be made for it to be cultivated.

Terra di Lamole comes with a mix of 90 % Sangiovese gross from Lamole and 10 % Canaiolo cultivated at 550 above sea level. Good structure and pure fruit is key, wine worth saving for years.

