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WINERY TO KNOW: BEGINNER-FRIENDLY WINE ADVENTURES FROM PICCINI



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PICCHINI 1882 OR: WINE TOUR D'ITALIA

The wine company Piccini 1882, owned by the Familie Piccini,

is based in the heart of Chianti Classico, but extends from there to Maremma and the volcanic slopes of Etna and the Vulture area. The philosophy: to dynamically and innovatively highlight the quality of the different wine-growing areas of Italy, giving them their own identity. In practice, this means that the wines should be authentic, respecting as well as transmitting the grape variety, the terroir and the typical characteristics of their areas of origin. I can spoil: You can feel this immediately, but in a very close, honest way. There no one wants to breed future valuables that stand forever in the vault, but fun makers who carry a little Italy into the world – to enjoy right away, of course.



At Piccini, the route leads purposefully to authentic Italian wines.

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Travel is a beautiful thing. New impressions, new landscapes, new culture, new food – and for me: new wine. Wine connects everything and counts as a safe culture like culinary specialties. Now, of course, you can't travel to the country you're in the mood for with just a snap of your fingers, but you can in a glass, of course. That's why I was happy to start a new wine adventure and this time to taste and get to know a piece of Italy. In the case of the wines of Piccini 1882, it is actually five places, but that will be explained more concretely here. It can be stated already now: The four red wines tested by me show in a charming, relaxed but classy way that the Picchini winery is also and especially suitable for beginners and the curious who want to approach the topic of Italian red wine (and of course also white wine and Rossato).

These values are passed on from generation to generation, reveals Mario Piccini, managing director of the company. With a 130-year history, there was also a lot of activity in the family when it came to passing on the values. And also to focus on further development. As the philosopher Oliver Kahn once said: "He who stops becoming something, stops being something. But let's return the ball to Team Piccini."

Picchini is not just one winery, but a journey through the different regions of Italy. This has been possible due to the geographical distribution of the 5 wineries that make up Picchini 1882, which together cover more than 200 hectares of vineyards. The wine tour starts at the Fattoria di Valliano winery in Chianti Classico, in the province of Siena, which belongs to the Castelnuovo Berardenga area. Then it continues to the winery Tenuta Moraia in the province of Grosseto on the Tuscan coast in Maremma. The trip to Tuscany is completed with Villa al Cortile complete, a reference point in Montalcino for the production of the famous Brunello. After Tuscany, we move on to Basilicata. There are the 15 hectares of vineyards of the Regio Cantina, where today one of the best Aglianico del Vulture is produced. And finally, there is a trip to Sicily to the slopes of Mount Etna, where the Torre Mora company is located. Its vineyards stretch between the municipalities of Castiglione di Sicilia and Linguaglossa.

Of course, with 130 years of winemaking history, there are some treasures in the family treasure cellar.



PICCHINI 1882 OR: IT STAYS IN THE FAMILY, MATTER OF HONOR!

I find it super exciting when, while tasting, I know where things come from and who – or, rather, how much – is behind them. Let's take a short trip back in time. Angiolo Piccini was born in 1860, the only child of a merchant family from Poggibonsi, a small town between Florence and Siena. In 1882, he invests in 7 hectares of vineyards in Castellina in Chianti, establishing a small winery in Poggibonsi and starting a family tradition that continues to this day. Inspired by his father, son Angiolo Piccini takes on a leading role – then in the 60s his only son, Pierangelo, takes over the business, investing with vision in new vineyards and wineries: Fattoria di Valliano in Chianti Classico and Tenuta Moraia in Maremma, on the Tuscan coast. At the end of the 80's his son Mario and his youngest daughter Martina support him in the business. Today the fifth generation is already working for the company, represented by Mario Piccini's children. Benedetta, Ginevra and Michelangelo follow in their father's footsteps and dedicate themselves to the activities of the wineries.



As with real estate, location wins with Piccini Vineyards.