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The winery is in the heart of an ancient village in Chianti area and it rises next to a five-star luxury hotel. It allows clients to have a complete experience that can develop over several days. Near the winery there are two tennis courts, built in the middle of the vineyards that wreck the landscape.



The winery's history begins in the Etruscan era, is fought over by the municipalities of Florence and Siena. In the middle age until the end of nineteenth century, the area was managed by sharecropping. Today it is owned by a figure who manages both the hotel and the winery. We were hosted by the winemaker and after a short story telling about the winery's story, we visited the vineyards and we saw the wine making process from the harvest to the packaging. We really enjoy the hospitality and the winery's structures.

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- Friendliness and know-how of staff: ●
- Pricing: ●
- Wine Quality: ●
- Overall impression: ●



This winery is relatively new, located in the south of Montalcino. It's a medium-size winery, an exception for the local area. The peculiarity is that their steel vats were designed by the owner, inclined in their terminal parts. We weren't impressed by the winery's entry, because it was difficult to identify from the street.



At the beginning we struggled to find the offices, because they weren't well signaled. We were received by a professional girl who took us to see the wine cellar. After seeing the vats, we moved to the barriques room where there were two types of barrel: durmast French and Croatian. In front of this room there was a wall where we could see the soil on which the vineyard grows, because we were underground. The guide explained us that this rock's type, typical of the south of Montalcino, was of volcanic origins. At the end we had a great wine and oil tasting.

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This winery is located between the border of Chianti Classico and Chianti Colli Senesi, so they can produce two types of wine, differentiated by the soil's composition. We particularly appreciated the underground hallway that connects the new cellar (in antiquity a stable) and the old one. However, the tasting room, isn't very intimate and comfortable.



As soon as we arrived, we found some difficulty to find the parking, the space was really little. We waited a few minutes and then we visited the cellar. The main room was spectacular and the wine barrels were very big and old. They continue along a hallway that link the two cellars. We also saw the white wine and vin santo barrels. In this winery, we didn't visit the warehouse where is done the wine-making process. The dialogue between us and the guide was really informal, so we could understand all. Finally we did a wine tasting in the same room we were received.

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At the end of our triple experience we recognized that all three winery were well equipped with welcoming staff, good facilities, and very well located, three elements that are basically, in our opinion. In some cases we would have preferred an easier language by the guides, but they turned out to be very competent and friendly. We realized that at the third mystery visit we were much more at ease, also in the questions to ask to the guide: we had another awareness, so we think that it could be useful to inquire about the area and its origins, before the winery visit. We really appreciated the tastings: the atmosphere was great and the story-telling about the different wines were really interesting. From this point of view, we suggest to eat before tasting, because the food offered isn't often enough! We also advise to ask to the guide shameless: it's better risk asking a trivial question than not knowing a whole topic.