



AZIENDA AGRICOLA CHIARA CONDELLO

Romagna Sangiovese Predappio

Riserva 'Lo Stralisco' 2020

A promising young talent in Romagna, Chiara Condello tends some 10 acres of Sangiovese grapes in Predappio, a small village in the foothills of the Apennine mountains in central Italy. Here in Romagna—which some experts believe may be the original home of the Sangiovese grape—Chiara started her own project in 2015, farming organically on Predappio's unique spungone soils. This fossil-rich sandstone gives Sangiovese grown on these high-altitude vineyards a luminous, suave and spiced character, redolent of cherry blossom and smoky incense.



WINERY: Azienda Agricola Chiara Condello

WINEMAKER: Chiara Condello

ESTABLISHED: 2015

REGION: ITALY • Emilia-Romagna • Predappio

APPELLATION: Romagna Sangiovese Predappio DOC

BLEND: 100% Sangiovese

VINEYARDS: Crafted only in select vintages, 'Stralisco' is a selection of fruit from the 'Lucciole' vineyard (750 feet above sea level, facing east). Regional soils are called *spungone*, a calcareous sandstone from the Pliocene geological period, abundant in chalky marine fossils.

AGE OF VINES: 25 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented 100% whole-cluster on indigenous yeasts in upright, open-top wooden fermentation tanks, without temperature controls; grapes are crushed by foot. Aged for 24 months in 10HL cement tanks.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of red and purple flowers, wild herbs, cherry fruit, warm strawberry. Savory minerals and sea salt; tannins are fine-grained, very long

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: *Salumi* and aged sheep's cheese; garlicky tomato-based pasta dishes

NOTES: 'Lo Stralisco' is the name of a children's novel by Italian author Roberto Piumini. A 'stralisco' is named in the book as a magical plant.



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