

PODERE LE RIPI

This wine hides a wander made of curiosity and folly, since the dreamers' destiny is to live in the future. Unless Francesco Illy had not had that visionary attitude, today this extraordinary wine would not exist: Rosso Di Montalcino Bonsai.

The densest vineyards in the world, 62.500 vines per hectare, in fact this was a gamble against modern teachings. In order to get the nourishment, the roots have to reach, pretty quickly, deeper stratifications of the soil, otherwise they will not find enough in the soil's surface.

No one would have bet even a cent on such a project but Francesco foresaw what today is a stated fact. Such an extreme system does not only work, but it also gives an incredibly complex and intense wine. The Sangiovese Grosso of Montalcino pass on his natural elegance and longevity. Every year 300 to 600 bottles are produced and the Bonsai represents the excellence of Podere Le Ripi. A winery born thanks to the willpower of Francesco Illy in his aim of producing great wines in the unique cellar made following the Ancients arts.

