

VINSANTO DEL CHIANTI RUFINA DOC organic wine

Name of the wine: Vinsanto of Frascole

First year of production: 1993

Agriculture: organic since 1999

Planting years: 1967, 1970.

**Description of the vineyards:** The soil composition is a clay loam originated by the geological formation "Marl of Vicchio" (marl and clay marl).

Altitude: 500 metres

Exposure: south, south-west

Pruning technique: unilateral cordon

Plants density: 2800 plants per hectare

**Grape varieties:** Trebbiano and white Malvasia, we don't know the clones in the old vineyards.

**Vinification technique:** The vine-harvest (completely done by hand) usually starts in the middle of September . We put the grapes in small boxes (maximum capacity 15 kg each) and we bring them into a special drying room where we hang them on vertical nets in order to dry them. The room has got big windows and it is situated in a dry and windy place . The grapes are dried until the first days of March.

During the first week of March we press the grapes whit a traditional wine-press, then we transfer the must into small chestnut and oak barrels called "caratelli". The capacity is 40-80 litres .

The Vinsanto refines in the barrels more than 9 years. Later it is manually bottled without filtering it.