

*“If you know how to listen to wine, it will talk to you of the places where it was born and of the men who make it become a passion, a cult object, a source of inspiration, a style of life.”*

Dear friends, a year has gone and once again the genuine joy of renewing with this message the moment of our last meeting.

We like to think that this is a pleasant occasion for you to receive our news:

### *NEWS FROM MONTALCINO*

We write to you to wish you a Happy New Year, and also to let you know about our last harvest.

The year that is just coming to an end demanded our greatest commitment in agricultural practices in the vineyard. The high temperatures that have occurred all over the globe have made it difficult for the vines to adapt to the weather, with daily work and the experience of the old vineyard workers from whose precious fountain of living memory we drew knowledge, we managed to bring a good product to the winery. The vinification is proceeding and as it follows its course the wine will rest and complete its aging: for the : “Rosso di Montalcino” it will be shorter, for the “Brunello di Montalcino” the long journey has only just begun that will end in 2011, in accordance with tradition.

We have planted a new little vineyard (3,000 sq.m.), in an exceptional position at 380 m above sea level, where the soil, already in the galestro area, is certain to give us excellent results. Exposed to the South of the Montalcino area, opposite the Val d’Orcia. The alternating of the daily sun to the nightly cool will guarantee its typicality while preserving the Sangiovese scents and fragrances. The woods that surround it from every side will provide biodiversity to offset the monoculture.

The joy of this new plantation renews our pact with this territory and its culture, draws us closer to the plants, to the secret of life, to the days of Noah, and helps us to find the time gone by in which were not yet ourselves but waiting to become who we are.

We would like to end this letter with the sentences of a dear friend, that commenting our experience quoted Cicero and thinking of your visit and of the wine culture that melts hearts, favours friendship, draws together and understands different experiences:

“AD VINUM DISERTI”

*“...the wine that we also like to imagine the sacredness of family ceremonies as an instrument of eloquent dialogue for the communion of affections. So that from the rows the vine may perpetuate the fullness and wisdom of its human heritage”*

*Best wishes  
Ettore, Anica*