



# SESTADISOPRA

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*"The Lord be praised for our brother wine that makes the heart rejoice and is a symbol of love"<sup>1</sup>  
"Wine in the Bible is a metaphor of wisdom "*

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We wish to be remembered by all of you, dear friends, who have shared our experience in this wonderful corner of the world, honouring us with your visit.

The harvest this year ended at the beginning of October and the wine making that will be followed by the aging in wood, is proceeding as usual: wine needs control and responsibility.

After the toil and laborious work in the vineyard now the wait for the final result has started. The forecast is promising, the wine is rich in colour and scents even though this year the quantity is lower than last year, but our Brunello has gained in structure and complexity: we are waiting to see!

We are currently on the market with our new wines: Rosso di Montalcino 2009, Brunello di Montalcino 2006. We have also presented a new wine, an IGT TOSCANA SANGIOVESE that has received positive ratings at the first tastings.

We remain faithful to our limited production but we are very attentive to quality with our work in the vineyard, aware that the wine is made in the vineyard with good agricultural practices. In the winery one should proceed in accordance to tradition, conscientious and attentive to the progress in œnological science.

This year we are starting to plant a new vineyard of roughly 4,000 square metres. Despite our age we want to leave a token of our attachment to the earth in memory of our "Old Parents" who taught us the value of work, of discipline and of honesty. It is very unlikely we will enjoy the wine that will be made by this vineyard considering that Brunello vines reach their maximum potential after at least 10 years of life and for the wine making and aging one has to count another 5 years.

"Life goes on and it is the men and women that follow each other throughout the generations, with all their faults, who give a meaning to the earth, who give a meaning to our lives, making them worthy of being lived to the very end<sup>1</sup>".

A man whom Enrica and I both love very much has given us his interpretation of the great commitment we give to our work, getting his idea from the exploits of a Greek hero narrated in the Iliad: Hector.

"that which drives a warrior to undertake heroic feats is not a sense of duty as we understand it today, a duty towards others: rather it is a duty towards ourselves. The Greek hero does not aspire to what we describe with the word virtue, but to the Greeks called "arête" meaning 'excellence'.

With affectionate wishes for a happy, serene and prosperous 2011

*Best wishes Enzo, Enrica*

Montalcino January 2011

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<sup>1</sup> Enzo Bianchi Prior of the Monastic Community of Bose in his book "Everything in its Season".