

SEREGO ALIGHIERI

PODERI DEL BELLO OVILE

Descendants of the poet Dante return to Tuscany

The making of this wine marks the return of the ancient house of Serego Alighieri to the Tuscan hills of its origins after more than 650 years in Valpolicella.



Serego Alighieri «Poderi del Bello Ovile» vineyards at Cinigiano in Maremma.

Tuscany and the Veneto are the two homelands for the descendants of the poet Dante, the Serego Alighieri family. The poet's heirs, exiled from Tuscany, set up their family home in Valpolicella, the heart of the winemaking area of the Veneto. Here they married into the Serego family, an ancient noble family from the Veneto, and since 1353 they have been part of the winemaking community and the wider local life of the Verona region.

The recent acquisition of the «Poderi del Bello Ovile» vineyards marks the return of

the Alighieris to Tuscany. In fact, the name of the holding and of the wine it produces is a reference to the passage in the *Divine Comedy* where the exiled Dante dreams of returning to the land of his birth.

This Tuscan red wine is the result of the project that began in 1999 with the purchase of the vineyards at Cinigiano on the Grosseto side of the Maremma and on the borders of the Brunello di Montalcino region. The aim is to expand the range of Serego Alighieri wines and make a prestigious Tuscan wine to complement the equally prestigious existing wines from the Veneto.

Bello Ovile is made from Sangiovese, Cannonaiolo and Cilieggiolo grapes and has a deep ruby red colour with a nose of berry fruit and liquorice. On the palate it is full bodied, complex and elegant, a noble wine with strong regional characteristics. It is also a versatile food wine, excellent with both red and white meats.

«Should it ever come to pass that this sacred poem,
to which both Heaven and earth have set their hand
so that it has made me lean for many years,
should overcome the cruelty that locks me out
of the fair sheepfold where I slept as a lamb».

Paradise, Canto xxv

