

**Biography Matteo Giustiniani, co-owner of Fattoria Sardi
Giustiniani**

I was born in Florence and so I'm a typical city child. But during my adolescence, I was always either on the vineyard with my grandfather Sebastiano or I was in the kitchen with my other grandfather Felice. As you can see, a passion for both wine and food is in my blood. I inherited from my grandmother (wife of my grandfather Sebastiano)



Fattoria Sardi Giustiniani in 2002. At this time I decided to study enology and viticulture in the University of Florence. I graduated with distinction in 2006 with a thesis about “business administration of wine estate”. Thanks to this study, I have a better understanding of Lucca wine potential. But my desire to learn more about this subject has taken me to Bordeaux where I obtained a Master degree in Enology and Viticulture, also a prize of the best wine taster. The University of Bordeaux helped me to improve basic knowledge about vineyards and wine.

During this period, I also worked for one of the most important wine makers in the world – Denis Dubourdieu. He taught me about the sensitivity and the respect for a real “terroir”. According to his thoughts, the “terroir” is a mixture of specific soil and specific climate of the region where the wine grower protects a specific “savoir-faire”. The wine produced in each “terroir” can be easily recognized and also tastes good.

Now I spend some of my time as a wine consultant for some wineries in Tuscany (Avignonesi, Fattoria Piccola), but most of the time I am in Lucca improving my knowledge about the “terroir” that I inherited from my grandmother with a sense of tradition but also innovation. I'm also judge in the : wine tasting commission of Chianti Classico, Brunello di Montalcino, Nobile di Montepulciano and Colline Lucchesi.

Finally, I would like to talk about my wine. I want it to reflect the “terroir” as much as possible, to be unique and, for you, delicious. I also hope that you can find a fantastic combination to my wine with my second passion, good cuisine.