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Sangiovese - Governo all'uso toscano 'Ricciotto' IGT Lanciola

Just a few kilometers outside Florence, on the rolling hills of Impruneta near Pozzolatico, lies Azienda Agrícola Lanciola. It is immersed in the distinctive Tuscan countryside, amidst olivegroves, cypress trees and vineyards. The estate totals around 80 hectares, with 40 hectares covered by vineyards and the remainder devoted to olive groves.

PRODUCTION AREA: Impruneta (Fi)

ALTITUDE: 250m A.S.L EXPOSURE: South - West

VINE VARIETY: 100% Sangiovese COMPOSITION OF SOIL: Shale

HARVEST PERIOD: 1st ten days of October

AGING: in oak barrels

BOTTLE AGING: 6 months minimum

TASTING NOTES. Suave and seductive, it's a full rounded 100% Sangiovese, aged for eight months in barrels. A portion of grapes were left to dry for 20 days, which adds terrific concentration to the wine. It's an ancient 14th century method known as Governo in Tuscany . Serve with a local favourite - rabbitcasserole , other game or slow-cooked beef. Full and fruity, with hints of earthy minerals combinated with touches of choccolate spices and leather.

Governo all'uso Toscano is a winemaking technique reportedly invented in Tuscany in the 14th century to help complete fermentation and stabilize the wine. The technique involves saving a batch of harvested grapes and allowing them to partially dry. If fermentation of the main batch starts to slow or appears to be nearing stuck fermentation, the half dried grapes are added to the must which then gives the yeast cells a new source of sugar to enliven the batch. From there, the must can be fermented dry or stopped with the wine having a higher level of residual sugar. The process was widely used in the Chianti zones until the advent of temperature controlled fermentation tanks.

