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Villadoria and The King of Wines



Paola Lanzavecchia, the fourth generation of the family, sits with her father, Daniele and one of the family dogs on the lush property of Villadoria.

In the province of Cuneo lies Sr. Born in 1887, in Predosa, his father's passion for vine- wonderful view from the hillthe small town of Serralunga Italy, about 30 miles west of yards and wine. Enterprising side. Daniele pointed to the top d'Alba. Although it has a popu- Serralunga d'Alba, Daniele was and clever, he understood that and told his audience that it was lation of only 500, it is one of the a determined and intelligent the area best suited to vine at the very top that the last best-known of the towns whose young man, but times were dif- growing was the Langhe. After grapes are harvested, those closvineyards produce Barolo. The ficult and the land offered very graduating with a degree in agspecial soil and climate, the ter- little. It was precisely in these riculture in 1959, Pietro set up the best Barolo. All of the harroir, makes the wines unique tough times that he developed the Villadoria Wine Estate on vesting is done by hand. Back and highly distinctive the world the idea of opening a vine plant the Serralunga hills, buying up down the hill, the visitors then over. It is on these gentle hills nursery. It was to become a pas- vineyards and building his looked through the vast wine that the Villadoria winery is losion for the rest of his life, but it winemaking and aging cellar in cellar of Villadoria, with row cated. The Lanzavecchia fami- took many years before his partnership, now with his son, upon row of wines aging in oak ly's connection with the wine dream of making wine came to Daniele. Today it is Daniele who barrels. The wine tasting was world stretches far back to the fruition. In 1920, his son Pietro owns the company and world beyond delicious; it was rewith his daughter, Paola.

For the Lanzavecchia family, Barolo has always represented the union between form and substance in its wines. Nebbiolo reaches its maximum potential unique composition of the soil.

that the Publisher's Tour group food from the tasty appetizers came for a visit to the vineyard, and cheeses, to the pasta, main five-course lunch. The was a masterful orchestration of Lanzavecchia family welcomed tastes and wine pairings that left the Tribune guests at the Tenuta its mark on each of the faces of Cappallotto guesthouse, origi- each well-fed traveler. Many nally a hunting-lodge which be- thanks were extended to father, longed to the House of Savoy. daughter and staff. It was a re-This is the ideal place to taste the markable experience and a meal Villadoria wines, surrounded and wine tasting that will proby the peace of the vineyards in vide cherished memories for the hills of Serralunga d'Alba. each of the Publisher's Tour The group was amazed by the guests

markably informative. One became overcome by the passion of Daniele and his daughter, Paola and captivated by the sheer effort and knowledge that is required to produce their exin these hills, thanks to the ceptional wines. While the tastings took place, each vintage It was to this majestic setting was paired with an appropriate wine cellar, a wine tasting and course and dessert. The lunch



Piemonete Rosso D.O.C. Senatore Primo - this wine is a 'thank you' to Daniele Lanzavecchia Sr. An adventurer, soldier, farmer and wine grower who had the courage to keep on dreaming, even during difficult times, who had a passion for his vines and for politics and was known by his friends as the 'Sentur' - Senator in Piedmontese.



At The Villadoria Winery



In the wine vineyard at Villadoria with the winemaker-owner Daniele Lanzavecchia.



Dr. Mike Sutton and his wife Debbie, in front of a huge barrel of 'liquid gold.'



Phil Geron and Karen Shaneen during the Villadoria wine tasting, loving the Barolo and the private lunch for the Tribune group.



Publisher Buddy Fortunato is welcomed to the Villadoria by owner Daniele Lanzavecchia.



An exceptional and extensive lunch prepared for the Italian Tribune group in the Villadoria's dining room was enjoyed by all. Joe and Linda Fabio and Dennis Del Mauro, right, listen attentively during the tasting.



In the heart of Barolo is the Villadoria Winery, which contains 50 acres of vineyards and an historic farmhouse. From left are Dr. Mike Sutton, Mike Atiyeh, Joe Fabio, Rachel and Dennis Del Mauro.