



A renowned Italian winery joins the respekt association

Azienda Agricola Foradori in Trentino has become a member of respekt-BIODYN, the biodynamic winemakers association. Now with twenty-six wineries, the importance of this quality-oriented European group is also growing internationally.

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Elisabetta Foradori is considered a pioneer of biodynamic viticulture. She has been working according to these methods consistently since 2002, and in the meantime has handed over her 28-hectare estate in Trentino, with its associated farm, to her three children Emilio, Theo, and Myrtha Zierock. Emilio is responsible for the viticulture, and the decision to join respekt-BIODYN was made together with him. For him, the free spirit of the group and their high demands on the quality of their wines, among other things, were decisive. "For us, joining the respekt group means first and foremost dialogue and debate on a the basis of common values. Exchange with a community of colleagues in different cultural, ecological, and social contexts – that's what we think is necessary," says Emilio Zierock.

Founded in 2007, with the entry of Azienda Agricola Foradori the respekt-BIODYN group now includes twenty-six members in Austria, Germany, Italy, and Hungary, and cultivates a total area of almost 900 hectares. The goal of the group is the common search for ever higher quality and more individuality in wine.

"We are growing in a very targeted way – always with an eye on our high quality standards and harmonious cooperation. Elisabetta and Emilio are a valuable addition, and they finally strengthen my position as the only Italian respekt member so far," says respekt chairman Michael Goëss-Enzenberg of the Manincor winery in Kaltern with a wink. The total respekt vineyard area in Italy now stands at 78 hectares.

Azienda Acricola Foradori. This 28-hectare winery is located in Mezzolombardo (Trento) in the heart of the Campo Rotaliano. Inextricably linked with the name of the estate is the Teroldego grape variety, which Elisabetta Foradori and Rainer Zierock saved from extinction, and which they have helped to achieve great renewed prestige. The fortunes of the Foradori business are now in the hands of the fourth generation, Elisabetta Foradori's children Emilio, Theo, and Mytha Zierock.

The philosopher and winemaker Emilio manages the wine production, while political journalist Theo oversees the winery's business and sales. Gardener Myrtha takes care of the viticulture and the gradual expansion of Foradori, which has been farmed biodynamically with conviction since 2002, and is considered a pioneering operation



worldwide. In addition to wine, their current focus is also on growing vegetables and breeding Tyrolean gray cattle for cheese production. Together, these three ensure the smooth running of the winery, always supported by their mother Elisabetta.

The respekt Estates. Paul Achs, Judith Beck, Busch, Christmann, Feiler-Artinger, Foradori, Fritsch, Martin & Georg Fußer, Manincor, Gsellmann, Hajszan Neumann, Gernot & Heike Heinrich, Hirsch, Leiner, Loimer, Anita & Hans Nittnaus, Ott, Gerhard & Brigitte Pittnauer, Claus Preisinger, Sattlerhof, Ökonomierat Rebholz, Dr. Wehrheim, Weninger, Wieninger, Wittmann, and Herbert Zillinger.

respekt-BIODYN. The association is based in Austria, and as of this year has twenty-six members in Germany, Italy, Austria, and Hungary. It was founded in 2007 with the aim of striving together for ever higher quality and greater individuality in wine. Chairman Michael Goëss-Enzenberg of the South Tyrolean winery Manincor heads the association, with Kamptal winemaker Fred Loimer serving as his deputy. respekt-BIODYN has established itself internationally in recent years as an important driving force in biodynamic viticulture alongside Demeter and Biodyvin. respekt members cultivate an area of about 900 hectares in total.

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