

# STORY

## STORY OF THE WINERY

Noelia Ricci is a project **started in 2010** within Pandolfa, an estate rich in history and stretching over an area of 140 hectares at the foot of the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines, just a few kilometers away from Predappio. The name Pandolfa is believed to be derived from Sigismondo Pandolfo Malatesta, known as the “Wolf of Rimini”, who is said to have stayed for a long time in this area before plundering the Castle of Fiumana in 1436. From 1626 to 1941 the estate was owned by Marchesi Albicini. In 1941 the property was taken over by Commendator Giuseppe Ricci, an entrepreneur from Forlì. In the years of World War Two, Pandolfa’s happy times came to an abrupt end, going from the Marchesi’s holiday home to the tragic events of the war period. The estate was occupied by the Germans and then attacked by the Polish army, while its cellars were opened to give shelter to refugees. In the fifties, after peace was finally restored, Giuseppe Ricci undertook extensive renovation works on the estate, encouraging the involvement of famous local artists, who created works of art honoring the land’s heritage and history. Ricci also focused on the estate’s agricultural production, he bought two adjoining farms and, after years during which he totally modified the land’s orography, he planted the first vines of Sangiovese, Trebbiano and Albana grapes.

## STORY OF THE FAMILY

Upon Ricci’s death in 1980, his daughter Noelia, after whom the whole project was named, was the first to realize the potential of these hills and, guided by her vision, she started planting new vineyards and building a winery. Pandolfa is now owned by Noelia’s grand-daughter, Paola Piscopo, who used all her enthusiasm to restore the estate to the role it deserves in the area. Today, one of her children, **Marco Cirese, a fourth-generation member of the family**, has picked up the threads of this story, with the intention of transforming the winery in a place of excellence, weaving together the family’s history and that of the land and engaging in an ongoing dialogue with local traditions and native grape varieties.

## STORY OF NOELIA RICCI

Noelia Ricci is a dream translated into vision. **Respecting the land’s natural inclination and going back to the way farmers used to make Sangiovese wine in this area.** In 2010, Marco began working on the new zoning project. He chose the 7 top hectares, 9 at present, which represent a rare, if not unique, example of Chateaux in the Romagna region. He put together a new team and, through mutual understanding and empathy, they found a new way to communicate and tell this story. Noelia Ricci is a tribute to the **classic style, with a contemporary approach.** By avoiding over-extraction, excessive alcohol content and highly concentrated colors, we strive to make wines having a fine structure, strong personality and complexity, while maintaining an inviting approach and pursuing drinkability. The first vintage was produced in 2013.

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