

Nestled in the heart of Chianti Classico, Vallepicciola is a winery that masterfully blends architectural precision and design with respect for the surrounding landscape.

Designed by Architect Margherita Gozzi the thoughtful design is harmoniously integrated into a natural basin between the Comunale 16 and Provinciale 9 roads, seamlessly merging with the environment.

Located in **Castelnuovo Berardenga** (SI), <u>Vallepicciola</u> can rightly boast of its significant dimensions comprising of some 275 hectares of which 107 hectares are planted with vines but also in its architectural footprint an impressive **6,000-square-meter facility spans three levels**, two of which are discreetly set below ground level. **The project emphasizes a deep respect for the territory and coherence with the landscape**, ensuring a sustainable and enduring structure. Local and experienced craftsmen and suppliers contributed to this vision, with materials carefully chosen for both functionality and aesthetic appeal («sono stati selezionati e hanno preso parte ai lavori imprese e fornitori, locali e non, con comprovata esperienza nell'ambito delle cantine», says Margherita Gozzi).

Stone, reclaimed from vineyard excavation, adorns the exterior, while **wood**, **iron**, and **steel** define the welcoming and operational areas. The use of **terracotta** and **clinker** reflects local tradition and durability. **Green roofs enhance the natural continuity of the surroundings**, supporting the winery's commitment to sustainability. With a biomass system for heating, photovoltaic panels for electricity, and CO2 recovery, Vallepicciola operates with zero impact. Additionally, water recycling systems purify and reuse water for irrigation.

Inside, spaces are designed for hospitality, tastings, and meetings, featuring a modern, inviting style. The winery's partially underground design categorizes it as organic architecture, offering a grand yet subtle presence in the landscape. The vines, untouched and vibrant, enhance the winery's unique atmosphere, creating a powerful connection with nature.

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