

THE CANDONI  
DE ZAN FAMILY  
ENCAPSULATES  
THE ITALIAN ART  
OF LIVING



**Candoni De Zan family: daughters Barbara (far right) and Caterina (far left), along with husband-and-wife team Armando and Elviana.**

# La Dolce Vita

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**L**a dolce vita—we often talk about it, but few of us really live it. On this point, we could all take a few cues from the Candoni De Zan family, whose dynamism and optimism infuse their daily lives and their enthusiastic approach to their wine business.

Winemaking runs its roots here back to the late 1800s, carried down by both sides of the family, and manifests itself as a deep love of wine in husband-and-wife team Armando and Elviana Candoni De Zan. With such deep ties to the land and fruit, it is no surprise that Armando and Elviana integrated their daughters Barbara and Caterina into their business from the start, allowing for the two generations to work side by side to perpetuate the brand.

While their business sometimes leads them out of the Veneto—including a stretch of time living here in the U.S.—wherever they landed, they kept their hands busy with everything from grape-growing to bottle sales.

Now, back in residence in Italy, the Candoni De Zan family has kept busy since their purchase of the historic Tenuta Polvaro, situated in the Lison-Pramaggiore DOCG, in the eastern Veneto. Wines from this stunning property, founded in 1681, once filled the goblets of the Doges of Venice. If you visit the property today, the De Zans will give you a personalized tour of their museum-esque gem.

From their stronghold at the Tenuta Polvaro winery estate, the Candoni De Zan family produces a portfolio of wines that represent the viticultural and geological diversity of Italy, emphasizing native varieties that speak not only to their desire to create honest wines at accessible prices, but also to their desire to make wines that are a tribute to the art and history of their respective families.

With an eye to their stewardship of the land and desire to contribute to the wellbeing of society, Candoni produces a line of organic wines that are also certified vegan and gluten-free, with a portion of the proceeds going directly to replanting national forests. The winery at Tenuta Polvaro uses CO<sub>2</sub>-powered fermenters to improve the atmosphere's health, and their Elviana line of wines supports advancements in women's health and promotes breast cancer awareness.

In all that they do, the Candoni De Zan family entwines its passions for the earth, art, history and homeland into a dazzling selection of wines, ready to delight and inspire. ■■



**The Candoni labels—serigraphs in Etruscan fresco style—are art themselves.**

*Candoni De Zan wines are imported by Regal Wine Imports.*