

Il Tempo

THE MYSTERIOUS LIQUOR THAT MADE DANTE ALIGHIERI'S HEAD SPIN

The magnificent natural reserve of the Abbey of Fiastra in Tolentino (Macerata) along the motorway for Foligno, is the scenery of the second halt of the "Salotti di Papillon", an appointment people who are fond of this sector and operators of the enogastronomic world can't lose.

A two days full immersion in an insigne of taste enliven by moments linked to poetry and music, guided tastings which will be a frame to the crowded presence of wine growers and grocers with their products and wines of quality. (more than 200)

And among these we want to point out a rarity like Liquor D'Ulivi, a natural ancient infusion already quoted by Dante Alighieri in the XXI cantical of Paradise.

Giuliano Berloni produces it (assisted by his wife) in Tavernelle di Serrungarina where they put up a ten acres biological olive grove from which they also obtain an excellent extra-virgin olive oil.

A choice of life that had them leave Rome to come to this quiet angle of the Marche where they dedicate body and soul to their olives.

A bet won, therefore, which is also coincided with the success (in Italy and abroad) of this fine and delicate infusion, characterized by a particularly sweet and sincere background and by a particular anti-inflammatory and anti-pyretic properties which also makes it an ideal digestive drink.

It's no use asking Giuliano his secret recipe, the only revelation we are able to extort is that it is obtained from the leaves and the bark of the olive-trees put into infusion for many months to which natural flavours are added. Now to indicate the typology, some people compare it to walnut and to Sardin myrtle liquor.

It can be served iced in summer or hot like punch in winter, even if our advise is to taste it on ice-cream.