



# Abbazia di Novacella

Servants of God. Masters of Alto-Adige.

The Abbazia of Novacella was founded in 1142 by the Augustinian Order of Canons Regular, who still inhabit the abbey. These Augustinian monks have taken vows of poverty, chastity and obedience to their superiors, but they also believe in the cultivation of the physical world. The Abbey grows grapes for winemaking, but it also farms apples and vegetables, and there is a small school devoted primarily to studies of viticulture.

The wines of the Abbazia are a result of granitic schist soils, the remnants of ancient glaciers, high elevation vineyards, extremely low yields, and painstaking effort. The crisp, mineral-driven white wines have given the Abbey a global reputation for quality, but recently the red wines have started to receive acclaim as well.

While the monks have never bothered with governmental certification, they have been farming the vineyards organically for as long as anyone can remember.

