



Food and wine in Orvieto are important. They are important historically (wine production goes back almost three thousand years) and economically. And they are important emotionally. In addition to their pride in the local culinary tradition, it is very common to hear an “Orvietano” opine that “we like to know what we are eating”. This translates into something like “if we know who produced it and where it was produced, then we can be more confident that it is made with genuine, home grown, healthy ingredients. And that’s what we feel more comfortable eating.”

This attitude, beyond being a consideration in the choice of food items for purchase, is reflected in the fact that many in Orvieto still cultivate their own small plots with vegetable gardens, fruit trees and grape vines (for home wine making as well as for eating). Many harvest their own olives in November and produce their own olive oil for sale as well as personal consumption; and they continue do so with passion while being well aware that such very small “farmer” production is not always a money making proposition.

On the other hand, larger scale food and wine production have been pillars of Orvieto’s economy and of that of the surrounding area since Etruscan times, throughout the reign of ancient Rome, and down to the present day.

By the way, while, as an example, Orvieto Classico has long been a widely recognized and internationally well regarded white wine, it is not as well known that for years now many Orvieto area vineyards are also producing very highly regarded reds. These are served of course in Orvieto’s restaurants and are available for tasting, and obviously for purchase, in specialist shops, as well as at the many local vineyards where they are produced.

In conclusion, allow us to affirm that this web site is not the best medium to introduce people to the variety of traditional delicious foods (meats, cheeses, vegetables, fruits, herbs, etc.) made from Orvieto-grown products as well as from local wild game and wild vegetables. The much better way is to come to visit, to take a look, and to enjoy a taste for yourself!