

Nascondiglio di Bacco

Dicembre al b&b

A month full of surprises and festivals



December was really exciting. The 1st surprise was a big dump of **snow** at N. di Bacco covering all of the surrounding hills in a beautiful blanket of white. For a couple of days Bacco had a great time playing in this new substance he had not seen before. For Raffaele, it was a time of relaxation and rest while I was enjoying the snow in Colorado, instead.

It was a magical moment as the pictures will show. We hope for a repeat snowfall when we have guests so we can all enjoy a glass of brandy around the **fireplace** which we recently inaugurated with our grape and olive wood.

Then for Christmas, we enjoyed the company of our

Slow Food friends from Bra who helped us celebrate the season with good food and wine from the Lange and the Marche. Thanks to **Betsy** and her wonderful Australian friends for spending some time with us!

New Year's Eve we rented out all of Nascondiglio di Bacco to a great group of young adults from **Rome** and we hope they will have fond



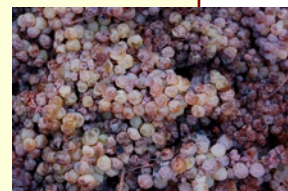
memories of their time here for many years to come! Get your **reservations** in early if you like the idea for your group this year; also

The vineyard is nearly ready for planting. Cross your fingers!

As all our past guests and blog followers know, the agriturismo is only the first step in our plans for our 7 hectares.

Our primary objective is creation of world class wines from a 5-6 hectare vineyard with construction of the winery planned in the next 2 years. Planting here has been anything but simple!

We have moved olive trees, deep plowed and superficially plowed the entire planting area as well as fertilized and treated the land to make it more fertile.



We have a bit less than a half hectare with vines planted more than 40 years ago, but these are slowly dying and will be replaced when the new vines are in production with new vines or the winery, which will have a wonderful view from the balcony/tasting area overlooking the new vineyard and the beautiful hills of the Marche.

Dwight.

great for a **birthday, graduation or wedding festival.**