



# *The Suspects*

## *Savio Abruzzo*

Savio is the owner of Girato Nel Buio Winery. She is confident and has a presence that attracts others to her. Savio's former brand, Abruzzo Estates, was failing, but she fired all of her staff, hired on a brand new team and rebranded. The move was successful, and Girato Nel Buio is enjoying record sales. Savio wears an elegant dress, heels and fine jewelry.

## *Agata Biagi*

Wine critic Agata Biagi is known the world over for being one of the most brutal, nasty and difficult-to-impress wine critics. Working for Oenophile Monthly magazine, her critiques are syndicated worldwide to over 50 magazines and newspapers. A single foul word from her can sink an entire winery, and she enjoys the power she wields with nothing more than her opinion. Agata wears a distinguished dress and a classic pair of heels.

## *Gina Marullo*

The Tasting Room Manager and winery villain, Gina is a sharp-tongued vixen with a quick temper and a mean streak. To the guests and those who come to the winery for a tasting, Gina is polite and sweet, but those she works with know better – she is avoided at all costs and quick to rage. She goes after what she wants and is rarely disappointed. Gina wears an elegant dress and a killer pair of heels.

## *Clara Sperrazza*

Clara Sperrazza is Girato Nel Buio's on-site restaurant manager. Soft-spoken and seemingly timid, Clara runs the restaurant with a ruthless efficiency, and like most staff, lives in the estate in the staff quarters on the second floor. She has a vast knowledge of pairing fine wine with gourmet food, and works closely with the estate chef to create meals for special events and any guests the winery may accommodate. Clara wears an elegant dress and practical heels.

## *Catarina Espada*

Catarina is a tourist from Portugal who has come to the winery for one evening only, to taste the new vintage of Organo, Girato Nel Buio's exclusive vintage. Distinguished and elitist, Catarina is talkative and personable, although slightly pushy about her views on certain topics. Catarina wears a long, flowing dress, heels and large gemstones on necklaces and rings.

## *Jessica Arbor*

Jessica Arbor is an American tourist who has been staying in the on-site cottage. After a tough break-up, Jessica has been traveling Italy, trying to mend her broken heart. She had only planned to stay at the winery for two nights, but has recently decided to stay longer. Jessica is slightly naive about wine, but is eager to learn everything she can while at Girato Nel Buio Winery. Jessica wears a modest dress and a practical pair of shoes.

## *Gaia Perret*

Gaia is a tourist on a wine tour of Italy. She considers herself a distinguished oenophile, and enjoys comparing and critiquing the various wineries she has visited on her trip. Gaia is only here for the evening, before her winery tour takes her further on. While no one else at the winery knows her, it's quickly apparent in meeting her that she is a vivacious, outgoing life-of-the-party-type, who has instantly made friends with almost everyone at Girato nel Buio. Gaia wears a slightly weathered cocktail dress that has no doubt seen many a wine tasting as her preferred attire on her winery adventure.

## *Francesca Agostino*

Girato Nel Buio's manager, Francesca has worked at Girato Nel Buio since the owner, Savio Abruzzo, decided to rebrand the winery, and was integral in the transformation of the company, as well as the success it has seen over the past three years. Francesca is diligent and organized, and over the years, Savio has implemented a number of her innovative ideas. Distinguished and classy, Francesca wears a glamorous dress and large jewelry.

## *Natalya Hall*

Beautiful and mysterious, no one seems to know anything about Natalya Hall, and no one seems to have met her prior to this evening! Who she is and why she is attending the wine tasting is a true mystery, but Natalya isn't talking. Wearing an elegant black dress, Natalya speaks with an exotic accent and uses precision in her word choices as well as her movements.

## *Daniella Badaousc*

Daniella is Italian, and is spending her vacation this year to enjoy her local wine country. Daniella considers herself an oenophile, making a point to use her vacation each year to see a new wine region, this year focusing on those wineries in her own "backyard". She is personable and forthcoming, although slightly mysterious, and her accent is difficult to place, even for locals. Daniella wears a long, elegant dress and heels, and carries a large handbag.

## *Apolita Frank*

Apolita Frank is a photographer for Oenophile Magazine, and has been invited to the tasting at Girato Nel Buio for the special private tasting of Organo, Girato Nel Buio's exclusive yearly vintage. She is attending in an official capacity this evening, photographing the event to compliment critic Agata Biagi's review in the next issue. A true photographer at heart, Apolita has a way of blending in and capturing a moment while hardly being noticed by the subjects of her work. Apolita wears a classy long dress and understated jewelry.

## *Nadia Vollaro*

Investigative reporter for an Italian news station, Nadia Vollaro is a tenacious woman who always gets her story. She comes across as trustworthy and friendly – as long as the conversation benefits her, and she gets her story in the end. Reporting for a station in Milan, it's Nadia's job to look glamorous and keep up with fashion, and wears a designer dress, heels and a smile that could kill.

## *Daria Morelli*

A resident of Cimitero, the closest village to the winery, Daria is the sister of Eliza Morelli, and together the two of them own the tavern. Daria and Eliza inherited the tavern from their father, and instead of selling it, these two widows decided instead to run it themselves. Daria is responsible for letting out the guest rooms above the tavern – on the rare occasion someone actually wanders into Cimitero and stays the night. Daria is quiet and subdued, but fiercely observant. She wears a dress that, decades ago was the height of fashion, and a low, practical pair of shoes.

## *Eliza Morelli*

Together with her sister Daria, Eliza Morelli runs the tavern in the town of Cimitero, the closest town to Girato nel Buio. She serves thirsty locals and travelers, and is always abreast of the happenings in the town and any strangers that might be in the area. Eliza is quiet, but also very quick to share the local gossip when she has a willing audience. She wears a pretty yet understated dress and a practical, low pair of shoes.

## *Violetta Viole*

An ex-sommelier at one of the top restaurants in Italy, Violetta Viole retired from her job and has since become known as one of the world's leading experts on all things wine. Since, she has become arrogant and smug, and despises speaking with those she does not consider of equal knowledge about wine. Her fashion is as refined as her palate, and she wears a cocktail dress and shoes worth more than the average person's yearly salary.