

Mela del Papa

Recently a secular apple tree has been discovered again; this tree was intended to extinction. It was called the "Mela del Papa" (Apple of the Pope) because, according to tradition, Pope Leone XII (Annibale Della Genga), about two hundred years ago, grafted it for the first time. The discover of the "Mela del Papa" has to be attributed to the Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori (C.I.A.). It has already started the cataloguing of the few remained trees, and the scientific research on these plants. On an experimental has been produced a series of new grafted trees, also thanks to the contribution of the Gal Colli Esini-San Vicino.