

Wine-growing on mafia ground: gets used also intimidation

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SAN GIUSEPPE JATO - Maffiosi meet you by decreasing their property them. A law makes possible that that help to cooperations of young, unemployed sicilianen. "we are not scared of fire or destruction."

And then there an old woman in the agriturismo stood (agrarian pension), which since a year and a half it has been managed by the cooperation Placido Rizzotto. "she talked much and looked around", says to Annalisa, the young manageress. Suddenly the old woman contacted Annalisa and said strictly: "Weet you, however, that this all of our wax?"

Annalisa remind themselves ijzige silence still well. She stood eye in eye with the mafia, or improves with the family Brusca, of the most powerful and most sanguinary of siciliaanse village San Giuseppe Jato. Giovanni Brusca were the man who the boasted magistrate Giovanni blew up Falcone, but also the one which assassinated the zontje of a spijtoptant from Altafonte - the village of Annalisa - kidnapped, personally and let solve in acid.

"we have seperated without many words", say to Annalisa concerning the visit of the mother of Giovanni Brusca. She thinks that ' everything get used ' and that the cooperation does not hide herself. On the contrary. On a large bord for the pension stands of which has decreased ground and farm, and that the project wants bring back help the legaliteit in Sicily.

Annalisa find it the task of the cooperation ' other give indicators '. That assassinated little boy was called Giuseppe Di Matteo, and was 12 years. Its teacher had ever made a photograph of him on a horse, which all newspapers printed as Brusca for the talk came. Our riding school we Giuseppe Di Matteo have called.

Symboliek is vital for the mafia, thus the antimafia use where she is possible the same weapon. "only already confiscating property is very symbolic", says to Umberto Di Maggio van Libera (rather), the organisation which a million could signatures for a law that confiscation and collect reuse possible makes. The law came in 1996. of 7300 goods there confiscated meanwhile almost half has been assigned.

Placido Rizzotto were of the first cooperations which were established and are with the management of 180 hectares also largest. We grow vineses, but also graan for our own pastamerk - everything biologically. The hypermarkets of Coop decrease complete production, say Antonio Castro (31), whereas he grape mooring ropes wegknippt. Heat shimmers in spite of the early hour on this hoogvlakke with savage serrated mounts, in the shade of which villages have arisen such as Corleone and San Giuseppe Jato. The fifteen members of the cooperation are all originating from this area. It a condition for participation was.

"you know the territory and the habits", say to Antonio, formerly unemployed agronom. But the vintage where he stands now of TotÃ² Riina, the mythical and relentless ' boss had been, however, arrested of the bosses ' from Corleone, in 1993.

Antonio grimast. We have had tegenwerking. There it is regulated committed arson, things are destroyed, but people see that we achieve result. Problems are there still in abundance. It is difficult get loans for the cooperations and it lasts long before ' mafia grounds ' are released.

After all losses of the nineties, Cosa Nostra are invisibly and quiet. Antonio: She does as if she does not exist. And then she is on its most dangerous.