

# Macinaziane Pendinara<sup>®</sup>

## The company in three key points

Macinazione Lendinara was founded in 1937 in Lendinara (Ro), a small town in the Po Valley, between the Adige and the Po.

Owned by the Cavallari family for three generations, our company preserves the values of the Italian milling tradition while combining them with an innovative drive that aligns with the contemporary needs of businesses in the agri-food sector and professional operators.



# The company in three key points

The **production** and **storage capacity** of our facility, the expertise of our mill technicians, the **professionalism** and **precision** of our internal analysis and quality laboratory, and the **passion** and **professionalism** of our research

and development department enable our

company to offer the market excellent

wheat flour and blends for baking, pizza, fresh pasta, pastries, and leavened products.

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Since 1937, we have been serving master bakers by offering high-quality flours.

Overtheyears, our audience has expanded, and today we are proud to serve the HoReCa channel, with a particular focus on pizzerias, catering, and restaurants, although currently a large part of our daily work is dedicated to the best bakery and pastry companies, as well as to the internal production departments of large-scale retail chains.

### From Lendinara to Arcole



#### The mill in 3 numbers



44,500 m<sup>2</sup> Production plant



600 tonnes per day Production capacity



28,000 tonnes Storage capacity total wheat and flour

## From wheat to flour production process



#### 1 • Wheat arrives at the mill: quality control.

Every year, an average of **100,000 tonnes of soft wheat** arrives at our company, ready to become flour thanks to the expert hands of our millers.

When the wheat arrives in our factory, it is immediately subjected to **rigorous checks** (proteins, specific weight, humidity, FN, hardness, visual and olfactory). Every day, we carry out on average about 15 checks on the grain delivered.

If the grain does not comply with current regulations and our quality standards, it is immediately sent back.

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#### 2 • Cleaning and soaking

If the wheat meets the required standards, it is taken to the unloading pits and undergoes a thorough cleaning process using a series of specific tools to remove all foreign bodies: magnet separator, stoner, sieve, sifter, and brush. The final cleaning stage involves the latest generation of optical sorters, which eliminate any damaged, broken or blackened kernels that are therefore non-compliant and contaminated by mycotoxins.Immediately afterwards, we move on to the soaking, a delicate and complex stage involving specific tools. Two alternating soaking stages are followed by a resting stage in the conditioning cells.

# From wheat to flour process



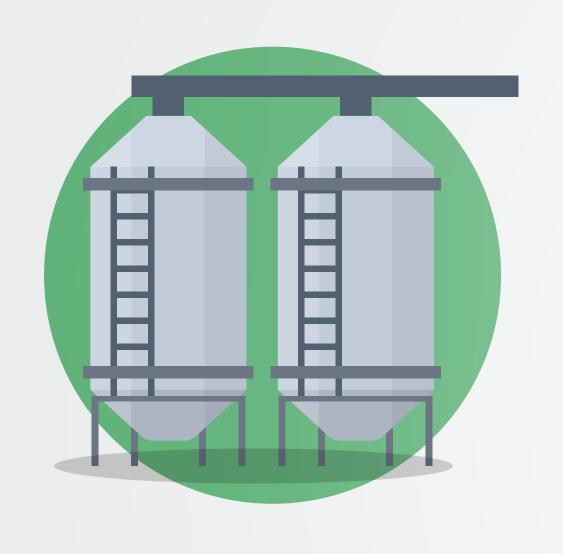
#### 3 • The stages of grinding

The highlight in the life of the mill consists of several alternating stages of **milling** and **sieving**.

The grain passes through **roller mills** and is then pneumatically conveyed to "**plansichters**", large sieves that separate flour and fibre according to grain size. Our facility allows for the complete separation of flour and bran in **24 stages** with the 400-tonne plant and in **16 stages** with the 200-tonne plant.

Over a 24-hour period, our mill's grinding capacity reaches **600 tonnes**.

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#### 4 • Storage

The various **basic flours** obtained by grinding the individual wheat varieties are deposited in homogenisation cells and then transferred to large storage containers.

Our **flour storage** capacities reach **5,000 tonnes** divided into **44 cells**, 14 directly connected to our mixer.

Wheat storage, on the other hand, totals 11,000 tonnes, divided into 24 silos. A new 10,000-tonne wheat storage facility is expected to be operational soon.

## From wheat to flour production process





#### 5 • Bulk loading and bagging

Flours can be packaged in 1, 5, 10, 12.5, 25 and 50 kg sacks, in big bags from 500 to 1,500 kg, or loaded loose directly into the tanker.



Our loading bays have a capacity of 240,000 kg per hour for rapid loading and approximately 35,000 kg per hour for slow loading, while the bagging line can package 20 pallets of 40 sacks per hour.

### Our certifications



AB Cert
Organic certification



1 Kosher Certification



FSSC 22000

quality and food safety certification in the food sector.

#### Selection of the raw materials

The first task of the purchasing manager, in synergy with the

head miller, is to **choose the most suitable grains** for the different types of flour we want to obtain. There are no universally best grains; rather, there are grains that are ideal for each specific use.

Quality assurance

After the wheat has been selected, it is time

for a **laboratory test:** before processing, the wheat grains are subjected to a check on several samples, to guarantee quality and safety.

#### Cleaning and storage

Choosing an excellent wheat is not enough, an adequate

cleaning and storage process must also be guaranteed. Having numerous storage silos, as in our case, helps to maintain the excellent quality of the raw material.



#### Slow grinding

Wheat is a living ingredient and must be handled with care:

our rollers are calibrated to grind **slowly and gradually**, without heating the ingredient, and through **numerous stages**, ensuring the **highest quality and safety** at each step.

#### Mixing

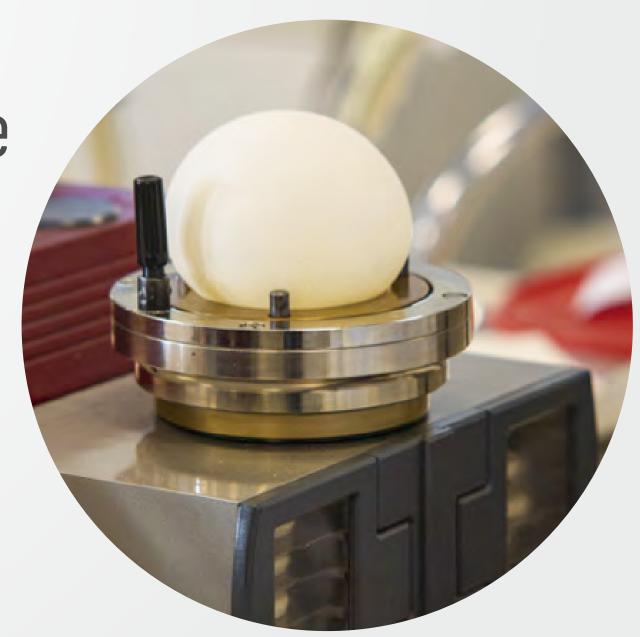
This is the "magical" moment, when all the miller's experience comes to the fore: blending the different

**ground varieties** is a delicate process that results, every day, in flour that meets the specifications set with the customer or outlined in the technical data sheet.

#### Parameter control

Before entering the world of baking,

the flour must undergo further checks and verification of its strength, extensibility, stability, and falling number index, according to the verified technical data sheet.



The quality of the bag and palletisation are fundamental for good product maintenance and are an essential condition for correct transport.

Transport times and methods are also a crucial stage for maintaining the integrity and conditions of the goods, which must always be protected from heat and humidity.

Storage

and distribution centres are responsible for ensuring clean, well-ventilated environments that are regularly inspected and sanitised.



### Corporate social responsibility

Our company makes its small contribution to social responsibility through a selection of organisations, either local or operating in specific contexts of extreme need.















Città della Speranza Foundation • ABEO (Associazione Bambino Emopatico Oncologico) • ULSS8 Berica Arca Team, Vicenza • Peter Pan Group, Volta Pagina Educational Community, Rovigo • Duchenne Parent Project, Rovigo Section • Chirurgo e Bambino ODV, Ferrara • UNIBO – DIMES Department of Specialist Medicine, Diagnostics, and Experimental Medicine – Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna

### Research and development collaborations with universities



Collaboration with the University of Verona Food Biotechnology course on a circular economy project for the recovery of pomace from Valpolicella.



The project is called **FoodSoFun**, and was **awarded in April 2024 by the Veneto Region** as one of the **best circular economy projects.** 

For some years we have been supporting the university's activities with grants to researchers and PhD students, as well as offering our facilities for training and research activities.



# Sustainability Initiatives

1-megawatt **PHOTOVOLTAIC PARK** that allows savings sof between 1,000 and 1,500 tonnes of CO2 per year





**REDUCTION OF PLASTIC PACKAGING** with the provision of a fastening system with natural glue for the bags on pallets.

ECOVADIS PLATFORM MEMBERSHIP





COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF VERONA for the reuse and enhancement of processing waste.

# New Projects



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### Thank you for your attention

