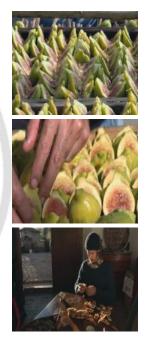
## The roots of friendship



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Neither the drought, nor the fatigue nor even the alien beetle come from the east will succeed in weakening the tenacity of a community that for five centuries has been living and thriving around a mythical tree: the fig tree. In Tuscany, in the territory of gentle hills between Empoli and Prato, the cultivation and conservation of figs dates back to the Middle Ages. Siro is the son of farmers, he studied but also listened to the stories of the elderly. He decided to continue the family tradition. Like many villagers he loves figs, plants them, takes care of them, collects them and makes them dry in the August sun. In September, all gather in the farms for the ritual of "appicciatura", in which two dried figs are mated at a time with anise seeds in half. This is the specialty of Carmignano, which triumphs at parties, from October to Christmas.





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