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### History

Said to have been identified with the grapes of *Trebulanum* wine enjoyed by Roman legionaries and mentioned by Pliny the Elder (23 A.D. – 79 A.D.) in the XIV book of the *Naturalis Historia*. It seems that the *Trebulanum* came from the Roman settlement of *Trebula Balliensis*, the current Treglia, a few kilometers from Liberi – one of the 9 communes where the grape is planted today, for the most part, in old vineyards, north of Caserta.

According to popular legend, in the late 1800s, after a tremendous epidemic that destroyed most of the vineyards in the area, by an old house's ruin a peasant found a vine stump still living and vigorous, henceforth called Casavecchia ("old house").

Producers and conscientious scholars have inspired the recent efforts to safeguard and promote this variety.