

PRODUCTS

Honey

Beekeeping has long been an important activity in the BURANCO valley. Its particularly favourable microclimate ensures that the bees have a constant supply of flowering trees and shrubs throughout the year. February provides sweet-smelling wild heather, March an abundance of yellow sheep's sorrel, known locally as "bread and wine" because of its nutritional properties. April brings cherry, apricot and peach blossoms, in May the orange and lemon trees flower, acacia comes in June and in July there are blackberries aplenty. From August through to the end of January, this splendid coastal area provides a range of native flora and Mediterranean *maquis* flowers. October and November see the cane apple and medlar in bloom, plants whose pollen is particularly beneficial to the hive brood.



The Cinque Terre's mild climate and winter flowering plants mean that hives can feed a brood even in winter and the first honeycombs can be collected in spring. Far from the pollution of the city, our coastal hills are ideal beekeeping terrain. The honey produced is natural, pure, full of flavour, and unique on account of the region's extraordinary diversity of plants.