



Ripabianca is a remarkable hilltop village, in the Municipality of Deruta, not far from Marciano. Its name owes to the clay extracted from its soil, which is particularly suited to making pottery and brickwork and it is, in fact, quite rightly defined as the “village of pottery”, as testified by the wood-burning furnaces, one of which is still perfectly functional.

In the village, the pottery industry is still very active and is also artisan-style and deeply-rooted in tradition. There is a rich production of urns, garden pots, reproductions of *ziri* (a type of jar), *scine* (a type of bowl), *pignatte* (a type of pot) and other utensils once used in kitchens and in the home.

Interesting facts linked to the rural culture of Umbria: *ziri* are terracotta jars in which oil, a healthy and precious product of our land, was kept, whereas *scine* are bowls in which laundry was done using ashes.