

CHIANTI

CLASSICO
GRAN SELEZIONE
RISERVA

2023 EDITION

Chianti Classico, Gran Selezione, Riserva



from 100% to 80%

SANGIOVESE



up to 20%

OTHER GRAPES

Canaiolo, Colorino, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

Since 1932, Chianti Classico has always been produced in a designated part of Tuscany. The first notary report documenting wine production in this same area dates back to the XIVth century. However, the territory was not always dedicated exclusively to vineyards, but also to olive crop for the purpose of olive oil production. These days almost 7200 hectares of vineyards are registered as DOCG classification for the production of Chianti Classico.

The Sangiovese grape, the variety from which the Chianti Classico is produced, is rather sensitive to the characteristics of the terroir where it grows. In this area, different geological structures coexist, such as clay, tuff, Chianti boulders, limestone, and marl. These soil features combined with the different expositions of the vineyards and altitudes give rise to a complex number of aromatic and gustative variables in the wines. One will quickly realise then that we cannot speak

solely of a single Chianti Classico, even if the wine made here is classified as such.

In order to earn the Chianti Classico appellation and the DOCG classification, it is mandatory to comply with the established set of rules. The grapes must be harvested in the Chianti Classico production area and the wine must contain at least 80% of Sangiovese grapes. The percentage can be supplemented with other varieties up to 20%. Native grapes such as Colorino and Canaiolo, as well as other international varieties, for instance Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, may be used to enhance the Sangiovese.

The Chianti Classico must be released on the market, no sooner than October the 1st of the year following the harvest. For the Chianti Classico, labelled as Riserva, the minimum ageing time is 24 months.



Production zones and their relative characteristics:

As said before, Chianti Classico territory is extremely varied both in soils and expositions, so this division once again allowed to record all the different nuances among wines produced in this small though diversified territory, and to carry out a more accurate analysis.

San Casciano in Val di Pesa:

- Territory straddling two valleys, those delineated by the Pesa and Greve rivers.
- Soils for the most part, stony and clay-like.

Greve in Chianti:

- Soils rich in clay and calcium.
- Delicate wines, already rather expressive even when young, usually able to mature with elegance.
- In this territory, one finds two great sub-zones from the Chianti Classico: Lamole and Panzano (the soils here are rich in clay and marl).

Barberino Val d'Elsa:

- Zone under which fall two more territories to the west of the Chianti Classico production zone: Barberino Val d'Elsa and Poggibonsi.
- In Barberino, only 5% of the terrain is dedicated to the production of Chianti Classico.
- The territory is characterized by a climate that benefits from temperate winds arriving off the sea.

Tavarnelle Val di Pesa:

- Seat of the Chianti Classico producers association.
- The name for this zone is connected to the term "taberna," an indication of the fact that here, even in the past, quality wine was produced.

Castellina in Chianti:

- A "hilltop" Chianti Classico is produced here, since the vines are planted up to 600 meters above sea level.
- Earth rich in alberese, as well as clay and galestro, in the southern part of the area.

Radda in Chianti:

- Perhaps one of the oldest areas of the Chianti Classico zone.
- Soils rich in alberese.
- Nervous wines, capable of long periods of aging.

Gaiole in Chianti:

- Variegated wines with a good presence of galestro but also tuff, a geological structure that gives elegance to wines.
- One of the zones with the highest elevations in the entire Chianti Classico production area.
- Very expansive zone, rich in a great number of variables that influence the wines produced here. For this, the Gaiole territory it must be divided into 3 production sub-zones.

Castelnuovo Berardenga:

- Territory geologically variegated bordered by Senese clay.
- Tuff is present in the soils.

Poggibonsi:

- Soils mainly made up of sand and pliocenic sandstones, with low presence of flysch.
- The wines here produced tend to be more structured and opulent.

Monteriggioni:

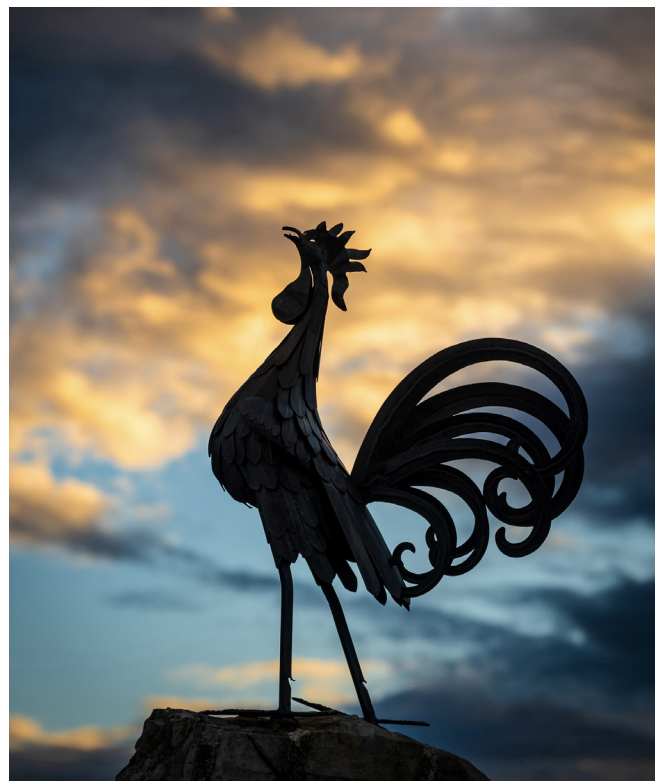
- Composit soils, of marine origin.
- Clay, sandstones and tuff rocks, with red soils in the area of Colle Val d'Elsa.
- Fruity, warm, of rich texture, with less tannins and less minerality, but with good acidity.

Montespertoli:

- Pliocenic originated soils, with small limestone rocks, due to the presence of rivers, and clay foundation.
- Here there are more active limestone and lower temperatures than the average, this kind of raw material tends to be highly structured.

Impruneta:

- Soils rich in structure, stones, minerals, clay and marls. It's a prestigious land with good water holding capacity.
- The wines coming from this area have higher acidity and anthocyanins than the average, excellent structure and colour, higher alcohol content, longevity and finesse.



Chianti Classico DCG

GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

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LONG (more than 15 years)

Municipality of San Casciano Val di Pesa

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Chianti Classico DCG 2020

LA SALA DEL TORRIANO

Sangiovese, a small "help" by Merlot, for the impeccable experience from the winery in San Casciano in Val di Pesa. Nose with olfactory descriptions turned on freshness, red raspberry and thyme, with velvety and deep tannins. A nice return of small red fruits and officinal-brackish on the closing.



94+



Chianti Classico DCG Morino 2020

MORI CONCETTA

Municipality of San Casciano in Val di Pesa, one of the most extreme UGA of the Classico. A Sangiovese in blend with other Chianti varieties, from a bio project. Nose with red currant, touches of iris and cinnamon. Juicy-iodized taste and fruity-floral return.



Municipality of Greve in Chianti

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Chianti Classico DCG 2021

PODERE POGGIO SCALETTE

The beautiful family project, flower in Greve in Chianti, in one of its highest points; to be precise, from the hill of Ruffoli. Great freshness, red cherry on the nose, with touches of fresh thyme, iris and wild mint. The sip is iodized-savory, closes with red mulberry notes.



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Chianti Classico DCG Terre di Prenzano 2020

VIGNAMAGGIO

An incredible balance in this Classic version. Small berries on the nose, in particular red currant, then notes of red flowers and the freshness of eucalyptus. Still fresh and juicy on the palate, with iodized-brackish tannins and a long finish.



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Chianti Classico DCG Duelame 2020

LAMOLE DI LAMOLE

Name that derives from the nice intuition to associate Sangiovese produced at the two extremes of the farm plots, from 420 to 650 meters. Intense nose, with notes of dogwood, then touches of wild rosemary and floreal hints of idris. The drinkability is savory-iodized, fruity-official scents re-emerge.



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Chianti Classico DCG 2020

CASTELLINUZZA

A thick Classico, with a very small presence of Canaiolo and black Malvasia. Nose of red currant, with touches of marjoram and wild rose, with touches of citrus at the end. Iodine-brackish mouth, fresh and juicy. The tamarind re-emergs in the finish, with nice persistence.



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Chianti Classico DCG 2020

CONTI CAPPONI - VILLA CALCINAIA

A Sangiovese, with a small participation of Canaiolo, of great lineage, notes of red cherry, touches of Roman mint, then nutmeg. The taste is savory-sapid, fruity-mentholated hints resurface. Closes again on savory notes.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Maggio 2020****LAMOLE DI LAMOLE**

A dedication to the Iris flower , locally renamed Giaggiolo, a wine from a wise blend of different farm lands. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blend, nose with notes of raspberry jam, Iris and touches of fresh thyme. Savory-juicy palate, with a return of medlar.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG 2019****LE REGGE**

From Greve in Chianti, a Classico from Sangiovese, Merlot and Canaiolo of great olfactory-gustatory intensity. Nose with hints of Durone of Vignola, with touches of nutmeg and juniper. Brackish-sapid taste, with a fruity-spicy come back.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG 2020****QUERCIABELLA**

Proverbially solid interpretation of Classico di Querciabella, with good work both in the countryside and in the cellar, and raw material of beautiful fragrance. Nose with notes of black mulberry, then licorice and juniper. The sip is brackish-sapid, final resurface of blackberry and undergrowth.



Municipality of Barberino in Val d'Elsa

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Chianti Classico DCG 2020

SOLE E OLENA

A Chianti that simply resembles itself. Very faceted nose, notes of currant and black strawberry, then brushwood, touches of eucalyptus and euphorbia, very balsamic finish. The mouthfeel is of persistent tension, cassis hints remerge.



Municipality of Castellina in Chianti

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Chianti Classico DCG 2019

IL CELLESE

From 100% Sangiovese from Castellina in Chianti, galestro soils and very short post-fermentation contact with the skins, nose with hints of black cherry, hints of eucalyptus and floral Gardenia. Mouth of juiciness and elegance, with iodine tannins, a return of rose and wild blackberry, lovely persistence.



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Chianti Classico DCG Fonterutoli 2020

MAZZEI - CASTELLO DI FONTERUTOLI

Point of reference of the type, from an accurate selection of the farm parcels. Notes of red raspberry on the nose, Valdostan mint and floral touches of rosehip. Iodized-brackish taste, with fruity-mentholated comeback and a pleasant juicy-taut drinkability.



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Chianti Classico DCG Casanuova di Nittardi La Doghessa 2020

NITTARDI

The Chianti of Nittardi from the homonymous vineyard, 100% Sangiovese. Nose of great freshness, wild strawberry, touches of Mediterranean vegetation, nuances of pink pepper and chinotto. The mouthfeel is iodized, with a great persistence and a resurface of yellow peach.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG 2021****CASTELLARE DI CASTELLINA**

A unique Classico, a milestone for the UGA of Castellina. Sangiovese, with a small balance of Colorino, from sustainable project. Red cherries on the nose, iodine notes, laurel, cinnamon and wild iris. At the sip there are salty-sapid tannins, basil and mulberry resurface.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Rubiolo 2020****GAGLIOLE**

Harmony and depth in this reading that bears the ancient name of this beautiful farm. Complex nose, cranberries together with touches of eucalyptus and shades of carnation, dense-taut mouth, savory tannins, juicy finish, with balsamic-floral comeback, length.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Belcanto 2020****NITTARDI**

A wine that now plays among the 'big' of the typology. Sangiovese, with small participation of other territorials, great freshness to the nose, red currant, thyme citrine and red orange, then traces of Valdostan mint. A savory-crunchy mouth, fruity-citrus shades are reconfirmed on the finish.



Municipality of Radda in Chianti

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Chianti Classico DCG Volpaia 2021

CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

A perfectly dosed blend of Sangiovese, Merlot and Syrah, nose with notes of red currant, undergrowth and licorice, with closure of wild mint. It has a juicy, dense and crunchy taste, salty-sapid tannins and a very long persistence. The finish has traces of small red fruits and sensations of toasted coffee.



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Chianti Classico DCG 2021

MONTERAPONI

The Classico designed by Michele Braganti is always a perfect compendium of varietal power, intensity and complexity. From a certified bio project, a wine that opens on the nose with notes of red plum, the touches of wild sage and myrtle, with hints of geranium. Complex palate, sapid, with officinal-floral return.



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Chianti Classico DCG Casalvento 2020

LIVERNANO

Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon, a wine of beautiful compactness. Nose with notes of blackcurrant, hints of cinnamon, undergrowth and beautiful mentholation finish. Brackish-iodized taste, with retro-olfactory shades of mulberry and basil, and a nice persistence.



Municipality of Gaiole in Chianti

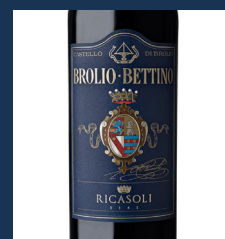
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Chianti Classico DCG Brolio Bettino 2020

RICASOLI 1141

The very reliable Classico of the house, in this edition in great dust, from Sangiovese in purity. Notes of red cherry, touches of eucalyptus and cinnamon, with hints of licorice powder. Iodized-saline palate, with tannins perfectly integrated in the body and a final resurface of cloves and plum.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG 2021****RIECINE**

The consistent anti-intervention project in the Gaiole in Chianti area, in the usual test of reliability of the Classic "vintage": a Sangiovese 100%, vibrant, intense and spicy. Nose of licorice, then underwood and red raspberry. Iodized on the mouth, surprisingly persistent, aftertaste of red mulberry.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Ama 2021****CASTELLO DI AMA**

High cornerstone of the type, freshness and drinkability without sacrificing complexity. Pomegranate on the nose, notes of marjoram and wild mint, with touches of iris. The taste is iodized, briny, with a mentholated return with shades of yellow peach and a nice persistence.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Monticello 2020****COLOMBAIO DI CENCIO**

From the project strongly wanted by Werner Ernest Wihlelm a faithful representation of the territory of Gaiole. Red cherries on the nose, with touches of citrine thyme, cinnamon and notes of rosehip. The mouthfeel is iodized-salty, fruity-floral hints re-emerge, with a marked taste finesse.



Municipality of Castelnuovo Berardenga

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**Chianti Classico DOCG 2020****VALLEPICCIOLA**

22 different clones of Sangiovese all vinified separately, for a hymn to the balsamic freshness, both the mouth and the nose. Raspberry, laurel, a touch of undergrowth and eucalyptus on the nose. The mouthfeel has excellent acidity, saline tannins and a finish in liquorice tones.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG 2019****CASTELL'IN VILLA**

A paradigm of wine elegance, fruity wine and a supernatural balance. Notes of red currant on the nose, touches of wild rosemary and powdered coffee. A refined-taut mouth, with wild strawberry return and sensations of licorice, salty-iodized tannins and persistence.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG 2021****SAN FELICE**

Sangiovese, Colorino and Pugnitello in a Classico emblem of the territory of Castelnovo Berardenga. Intense notes on the nose, hints of black raspberry, with memories of Valdostan mint and cinnamon. Juicy-savory taste, with a comeback of rowan and green pepper.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Fontalpino 2020****CARPINETA FONTALPINO**

From the interesting project in biological management of Cresti's family, a Chianti from Sangiovese 100%, beautiful expression of the territory of Castelnovo Berardenga. Nose with notes of red cherry, nuances of undergrowth and touches of rhubarb. The palate is savory, with a final reappearance of cocoa and spices.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Berardenga 2021****FÈLSINA**

100% Sangiovese from Castelnovo Berardenga, 12 months in barriques of Slavonian oak and partially in used barriques. Nose of red raspberry, touches of wild sage and floreal finish, with nuances of lavender. The drinkability is crunchy-sapid, good persistence with a return of Taggiasca olive.



Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione

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Municipality of San Casciano in Val di Pesa

95+



**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Il Torriano
2019**

LA SALA DEL TORRIANO

Sangiovese in purity from a single vineyard and a soil of great complexity, with the presence of the Chianti boulder. Nose with hints of red currant, red-orange peel and black pepper, a beautiful tannic-acid tension on the mouth. Fruity-citrus notes are reconfirmed on the finish, with a good persistence.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Bellezza 2018
CASTELLO DI GABBIANO

From the homonymous vineyard, a Gran Selezione of excellent gustatory impact. Smell that opens with black mulberry note, then laurel and touches of wild iris. The mouthfeel is briny, with a return of gentian. The finish has a nice persistence and crispiness.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Don Tommaso
2019**

PRINCIPE CORSINI - VILLA LE CORTI

Area of San Casciano in Val di Pesa, blend of Sangiovese and Merlot. Intense nose, with notes of wild plum, licorice powder and touches of nutmeg. A savory-sapid mouth, with a comeback of sour cherry and provencal herbs; nice taste persistence.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione 2017****POGGIO TORSELLI 1427**

From Montecapri vineyard, a soil rich in calcareous marl, a beautiful sustainable project that arrives in the bottle in a Gran Selezione of intensity. Nose with notes of black raspberry, juniper, cinnamon and traces of white pepper. Iodized-brackish on the palate, with a return of strawberry tree and notes of tobacco.



Municipality of Greve in Chianti

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**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Monna Lisa 2018****VIGNAMAGGIO**

From Prato, Solatio and Querceto vineyards, an extraordinary Gran Selezione from Sangiovese and a small balance of Cabernet Sauvignon; aged in barrique and big barrel. Black blueberry on the nose, memories of nutmeg, fresh thyme and orange peel. Juicy-iodized palate, cassis on the closing, great persistence.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione 2018****QUERCIABELLA**

The second vintage of an ambitious project, from single vineyard Ruffoli, grown in biodynamic regime, an extraordinary Gran Selezione. Wild plum on the nose, with notes of chinotto and laurel, then nutmeg. On the palate it's brackish, with a final reminder of Sanguinella orange and persistence.



96+

**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Terrazze San Leolino 2019****FONTODI**

From a beautiful project in biological management near the Conca d'oro of Panzano, soil characterized by the presence of trees. Notes of pomegranate on the nose, rosehip and wild sage. The palate is taut-sapid, with fruity-floral return and intense drinkability.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione 2020****CARPINETO**

A Gran Selezione of commendable consistency from the Chianti estate of Dudda's original project, then extended to some of the most important denominations in Tuscany. Great tension from the nose, notes of marasche, cinnamon, hints of juniper. The sip presents iodized-brackish tannins and fruity-spicy retro-olfactory aromas.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione La Corte 2020****CASTELLO DI QUERCETO**

The reliability of a historical reference and of great taste impact. Sangiovese in purity coming from a single parcel; cherry on the nose, with touches of black pepper in grains and fresh thyme. Savory-iodized at the taste, with a return of wild strawberries and toasted hazelnut; nice persistence.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione La Prima 2019****CASTELLO VICCHIOMAGGIO**

A Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blend, from lands dominated by galestro. Nose with notes of berries jam, clementine peel and hints of wild rosemary. The mouthfeel is brackish-sapid, with final shades of tamarind and long persistence.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Le Bolle 2019****CASTELLO VICCHIOMAGGIO**

The new Castello di Vicchiomaggio cru, from a unique vineyard, of less than 2 hectares. Sangiovese in purity, anise with notes of red mulberry, then cedar thyme, touches of wild iris and juniper. The mouth is iodine-brackish, with a return of Taggiasca olive and a finish with floreal-officinal notes.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Vigna del Sorbo 2019****FONTODI**

Usually excellent Sangiovese in purity of great elegance from Fontodi, with the step ahead of a great vintage. Nose of freshness, marasche, with officinal hints of citron thyme, mouth with a nice acidic shoulder, salty tannins, crispiness and incisiveness. Persistent.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Vigna Grosoli 2019

LAMOLE DI LAMOLE

A vineyard of altitude, characterized by the soil with the presence of Chianti massif. Sangiovese in purity with notes of red raspberry, then marjoram and notes of broom flower. Briny-sapid taste, with geranium return and undergrowth, density and crispiness.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Il Picchio 2020

CASTELLO DI QUERCETO

Refined and intense, Sangiovese with a small balance of Colorino, from the homonymous parcel of UGA in Greve. Nose with notes of black blueberry, then marjoram and undergrowth, with traces of star anise. The palate is sapid, with fruity-spicy aftertaste notes and a great persistence.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Vigna Bastignano 2019

CONTI CAPPONI - VILLA CALCINAIA

An ambitious project on an original parcel, dating back to 1524, an excellent reading of Gran Selezione. Black cherry on the nose, touches of undergrowth and licorice root, mouth of beautiful acidity, salty tannins, perfectly integrated, closes with shades of tea leaf and medlar.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Villa di Rignana 2018

FATTORIA DI RIGNANA

From La Cantinetta vineyard, remarkable Sangiovese in purity (bio) from vineyards located on calcareous-clay soil and 30 months of aging in wood of different sizes. Nose with notes of red mulberry, touches of citrine thyme and cinnamon, saline on the palate, fig and black olive in return.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Crespine 2018

TENUTA DI VIGNOLE

From a careful selection of vineyards in the Panzano area, nose with hints of blackberry, then laurel, cinnamon and nuances of gardenia. To the juicy-brackish mouthfeel, it closes with shades of yellow peach and a pleasant persistence of taste.



94+

**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Le Fonti 2019****LE FONTI - PANZANO**

A Great Selection of fine balance, from pure Sangiovese from the Panzano area, notes of cranberry on the nose, with touches of rosehip and cinnamon. The sip is iodized, with fruity-floral return and spicy hints. Lovely persistence.



Municipality of Barberino in Val d'Elsa

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**Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione 2016****ISOLE E OLENA**

Pure class for a Gran Selezione where the Sangiovese accompanies the Petit Verdot. Intense and faceted olfaction, red raspberry, nutmeg, touches of wild rosemary and garrigue. The drinkability is juicy-sapid, with a return of blackberry and notes of the Mediterranean vegetation.



Municipality of Tavernelle in Val di Pesa

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Chianti Classico DCG Gran Selezione Vigneto Il Poggio 2018

CASTELLO DI MONSANTO

Sangiovese, Canaiolo and Colorino from the homonymous vineyard, one of the firm points of a historical estate of the Chianti. Nose of cranberry, with touches of wild mint and nutmeg. The mouth is -sapid, with a re-emerge of fruity-mentholated notes and sweet spices. Excellent persistence.



Municipality of Castellina in Chianti

98+



Chianti Classico DCG Gran Selezione Badiola 2020

MAZZEI - CASTELLO DI FONTERUTOLI

Enoic gem of the Romanesque Pieve di Badiola. Three clones of Sangiovese, three by mass selection. Nose with notes of berries jam, wild mint and gardenia, with iodine sensations. Brackish-iodized the mouth, with red plum and tyme in return, great crunchiness.



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Chianti Classico DCG Gran Selezione Vicoregio 36 2020

MAZZEI - CASTELLO DI FONTERUTOLI

One of the most ambitious projects of the type, from the now famous vineyard-laboratory in Castelnuovo Berardenga. 36 different biotypes of Sangiovese, hence the name. Marasche on the nose, touches of clementine zest and fresh sage, with peony lashes. Mouthfeel with iodized-brackish tannins, a comeback of plum.



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Chianti Classico DCG Gran Selezione Castello Fonterutoli 2020

MAZZEI - CASTELLO DI FONTERUTOLI

Another great project within Gran Selezione for Castello di Fonterutoli. Visciola, touches of nettle and undergrowth, beautiful iodate final, dense and compact taste, salty tannins, finishes with fruity-official aromas. Persistent.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione 2018

TREGOLE

Castellina in Chianti, a Gran Selezione of great compactness and taste boost, from a nice angle of the DOCG. Notes of red cherry on the nose, touches of dill, white pepper and wild mint. Retro-olfactory hints of lavender and strawberry, with a spicy finish.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione effe 55 2019

CAPRAIA

Produced in Castellina in Chianti, in the area of Casanuova di Pietrafitta, this Gran Selezione comes from the oldest vineyards of the estate, from the 70s. On the nose the main aromas recall red fruits and chocolate berries, woody notes well integrated. Good acidity and minerality on the palate, giving a fresh and persistent finish.



94+



Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Sergio Zingarelli 2019

ROCCA DELLE MACIE

From a multi-year project in the vineyard Le Terrazze at the end of the last century, first with the support of Colorino, now with Sangiovese in purity. Notes of marasca on the nose, then white pepper and mentholated notes, iodized. Sapid drinkability, with fruity-mentholated return.



Municipality of Radda in Chianti

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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Coltassala 2019

CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

From the name of the oldest vineyard and the historical clones of Sangiovese and Mammolo, between 480 and 530 meters, a hinge of the type Gran Selezione, in a memorable vintage. Marasca on the nose, notes of rhubarb and eucalyptus. The mouthfeel is brackish with retro-olfactory aromas of red plum and very long persistence.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Santa Caterina 2019

CASTELLO DI ALBOLA

From a plot with peculiar characteristics in the territory of Radda, a soil with a beautiful component of galestro; which shines for the balanced use of wood. Notes of black raspberry on the nose, then cinnamon, rhubarb and iris. Savory-saline drinkability, with a fruity-spicy return.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Vigna Il Corno 2017

CASTELLO DI RADDA

A Gran Selezione from Sangiovese 100%, produced in a unique territory: Il Corno, from a 25 years old vineyard. Olfactory memories of mulberry and violet, with balsamic touches of eucalyptus. Wide and deep palate, supported by a pleasing freshness. returns of red fruits on a finish of great persistence.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Il Solatio 2019

CASTELLO DI ALBOLA

From the area of Radda in Chianti this successful Gran Selezione from a steep vineyard, but with perfect microclimate, located about 600 meters above the sea level. Sangiovese 100% with a nose of wild blackberry, with touches of turmeric and juniper, a thick mouth, savory-salty tannins, and final shades of sour cherry.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Il Puro Casanova 2019

CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

Soils rich in sandstone and Sangiovese in purity for an experience of great peculiarity. Nose opening on notes of black blueberry, touches of red-orange peel and fresh thyme, with nuances of iris. The palate is iodized-brackish, of great compactness. Retro-olfactory sensations of Sanguinella orange.



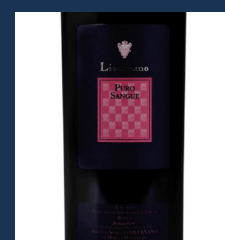
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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Purosangue 2016

LIVERNANO

A Gran Selezione "lit up" by an illuminated vintage. Nose of freshness, the eucalyptus and iodine touches, briny-sapid on the palate, with a fruity-balsamic and mentholated return. Closes again with a nice freshness.



Municipality of Gaiole in Chianti

98+



Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Castello di Brolio 2020

RICASOLI 1141

Pure Sangiovese from three vineyards located around the Castle, expression of three different soils. Black cherry on the nose, hints of eucalyptus and cinnamon. Palate with savory tannins, density, persistence with balsamic notes reconfirmed on the finish.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione San Lorenzo 2019

CASTELLO DI AMA

Perfect blend from the area of Gaiole in Chianti, historic vineyards located at 500 meters, aging in barrique, for a wine with a complex smell. Touches of dogwood, cinnamon, traces of leech peel and wild mint. Iodized-brackish palate, final tension.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Vigna Casi 2019

CASTELLO DI MELETO

Sangiovese in purity from a unique vineyard, with refined wood processing of different sizes. At the taste there are iodine tannins, perfectly integrated into the texture. Hints of geranium, wild raspberry and tobacco re-emerge.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Stielle 2018

ROCCA DI CASTAGNOLI

Gaiole in Chianti, one of the historical location of the Chianti Classico, a winery of vast tradition, present in the territory since 1700. Red currant jam on the nose, then touches of nutmeg and Romanian mint. Juicy-brackish on the palate, with fruity-spicy return.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Rialzi 2018

TENUTA DI PERANO

An emblematic Gran Selezione, meditated for years. Sour cherries under spirit on the nose, chinotto, then a nice trace of dry species, thyme on the head, and a eucalyptus closure. The taste is brackish, with touches of laurel and a very long finish with a final notes of green pepper.



Municipality of Castelnovo Berardenga

97



Chianti Classico DCG Gran Selezione Colonia 2019

FÈLSINA

One of the most iconic products of the type, a gem of the Poggiali family from the homonymous vineyard on Poggio a Rancia, a quality research project dating back to the '60s. Very intense on the nose, black currant, touches of undergrowth and humus, hints of nutmeg. The mouth is sapid, a return of coffee powder.



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Chianti Classico DCG Gran Selezione Il Grigio da San Felice 2019

SAN FELICE

The emblem of the great work of varietal research of San Felice in this Gran Selezione from Sangiovese at the 80% and a not extemporaneous participation of Abrusco, Pugnello, black Malvasia, Ciliegiole and Mazzese. Cranberry at the mouth, nuances of pepper leaves and licorice. The mouthfeel is brackish-sapid, sour cherry comeback.



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Chianti Classico DCG Gran Selezione Lapina 2019

VALLEPICCIOLA

One of the most successful creations of the house. 100% Sangiovese, a wine with an intense nose, with memories of cranberry jam, the wild thyme and touches of white pepper. Mouthfeel of density and tension, with saline tannins and fruity-officinal return.



95+



Chianti Classico DCG Gran Selezione Vigna San Lazzaro 2019

FATTORIA DI VALIANO

From the homonymous cru, a Sangiovese in purity flavourful and crisp. Marasca under spirit on the nose, touches of black pepper, laurel and orange peel. The sip is intense, with fruity-balsamic and brackish return. Notes of tobacco re-emerge on the finish.



95+



Chianti Classico DCG Gran Selezione Poggio Rosso 2018

SAN FELICE

A gem from Sangiovese in purity, from selected vineyards, a majestic interpretation of Gran Selezione. Wild plum on the nose, hints of mediterranean bush and rhubarb. Sapid-brackish taste, with fig and pickled olive in return.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione Strada al Sasso 2020

TENUTA DI ARCENO

A Gran Selezione from a unique plot, the result of an accurate project conducted between the countryside and the cellar. Notes of black raspberry on the nose, then gardenia, touches of licorice powder. The sip is savory, with retro-olfactory fruity-floral shades and hints of licorice.



94+



Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione 6.38 2019

FATTORIA DI VALIANO

From a vineyard planted in 1998, an assemblage of Sangiovese, with a small "help" by Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Black cherry under spirit on the nose, notes of laurel and white pepper. The taste is brackish, with a fruity-official return and nice persistence.



Chianti Classico DCG Riserva

GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

The targets are three: short (5-8 years), medium (10-15 years) and long (more than 15 years), which denote the aging potential of the wine.



SHORT (5-8 years)



MEDIUM (10-15 years)



LONG (more than 15 years)

Municipality of Greve in Chianti

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Chianti Classico DCG Riserva Gherardino 2018 VIGNAMAGGIO

A reserve of pleasing elegance. Nose with notes of wild plum, the thyme and mentholated notes, iodine-brackish taste, with beautiful juicy taste and a fruity-mentholated comeback. Closes again on hints of rowan and red plum.



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Chianti Classico DCG Riserva 2018 CASTELLINUZZA

Sangiovese Canaiolo and Malvasia, a reserve incisive and of excellent gustatory temper. Olfaction with notes of black cherry, touches of eucalyptus and nutmeg, salty-sapid taste with retro-olfactory shades of Cassis and wild fennel, a long taste.



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Chianti Classico DCG Riserva 1427 2019 PANZANELLO

Panzano in Chianti, a historic estate dating back to 1400, then transformed by the Sommaruga family into the current reality. A blend of Sangiovese and Cabernet with a nose of red currant, with notes of cinnamon and orange peel. Salty taste, with fruity-citrus return.



94+



Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Rignana 2019

FATTORIA DI RIGNANA

From the Panzano sub-area, a successful assembly of Sangiovese and Cabernet Franc from calcareous-clay soil. Notes of dogwood on the nose, with nuances of white pepper and laurel. The taste is iodized-brackish, notes of basil and tamarind resurface.



Municipality of Tavarnelle in Val di Pesa

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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Monsanto 2020

CASTELLO DI MONSANTO

Sangiovese, with balance of Canaiolo and Colorino, aged for 18 months in wood of small dimension. Wild strawberries, then nuances of white pepper and eucalyptus. On the palate it's brackish, finishes with a fruity-balsamic return, long taste.



Municipality of Castellina in Chianti

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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 2020

GAGLIOLE

The sharpest soul of Chianti Classico, the Conca d'Oro. Sangiovese in purity, taste tension of red currant and floral touch of peony, then zest of orange and mentholated finish. Great freshness also when drunk, brackish tannins, closure with citrus-floral shades, great persistence.



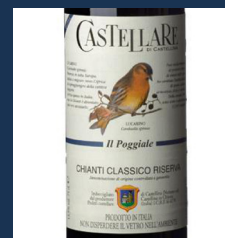
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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Il Poggiale 2020

CASTELLARE DI CASTELLINA

A sumptuous reserve, coming from a unique vineyard, a Sangiovese, with the contribution of Canaiolo and Ciliegiole, of excellent gustatory impact. Nose with hints of red raspberry, with touches of clementine peel, nutmeg and ibis. The mouth is savory, with fruity-floral notes reconfirmed on the finish.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 2020

CASTELLARE DI CASTELLINA

One of the impeccable tests within Chianti Classico from Castellare, in this type of reserve. Red cherry and iris, touches of thyme, lashed iodine at the end of the nose. A spicy mouth, dense and of excellent crunchiness, sapid tannins, persistent closure, with a fruity return.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Tenuta le Macie Famiglia Zingarelli 2020

ROCCA DELLE MACIE

A reserve of great gustatory intensity, nose with hints of black cherry under spirit, touches of eucalyptus, licorice powder and nuances of cinnamon. Brackish-iodized on the palate, with fruity-balsamic comeback and spicy notes. Nice persistence.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 2017

IL CELLESE

A beautiful reserve, the result of well-present balances, brilliantly obtained. Nose with notes of Vignola cherry, with traces of laurel, iris and rhubarb. The mouthfeel opens with floral touches, a return of undergrowth and officinal, before closing with beautiful raspberry hints.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 2020

ROCCA DELLE MACIE

Another great classic of the Zingarelli Family, from the Castellina in Chianti area. Sangiovese, with Cabernet and Merlot to embellish the cut. Berry jam on the nose, with hints of iris and peony. The mouthfeel has iodized-brackish tannins, with a final resurface of strawberry, and a nice persistence.



Municipality of Radda in Chianti

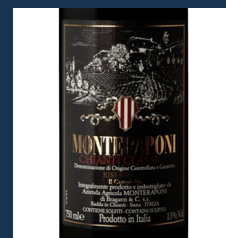
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Chianti Classico DCG Riserva Il Campitello 2020

MONTERAPONI

From old plants of the homonymous vineyard, skilful maceration, the 26 months in oak, followed by another 3 in vitrified cement. Smell that sticks on laurel notes, the pomegranate and blood orange, with traces of eucalyptus and sage, brackish-juicy mouth, with officinal return.



96+



Chianti Classico DCG Riserva 2020

CASTELLO DI ALBOLA

From the selection of 8 vineyards in the sub-area of Radda, with soil characterized by trees, and organic reserve that speaks the language of elegance and tension. Notes of black blueberries on the nose, shades of brushwood, laurel and licorice. Tannins refined to the taste, with a brackish-fruity comeback.



95+



Chianti Classico DCG Riserva Caparsino 2019

CAPARSA

A juicy reserve, spicy and a lot of beautiful sapidity. Intense nose, with beautiful spacing of black pepper and a wide spectrum of black berries. Excellent acidic shoulder to the mouth, crispiness, density, enriched by salty tannins.



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Chianti Classico DCG Riserva 2018

CASTELLO DI RADDA

From an appropriate selection of grapes from the Corno and Selvale ridge areas, a Sangiovese in purity, of complexity and tension, from the sub-area of Radda. The olfaction opens on notes of black currant, with hints of eucalyptus and notes of undergrowth. The mouthfeel has saline tannins, balsamic-fruity shades resurface on the finish, with a strong taste.



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Chianti Classico DCG Riserva 2020

CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

An icon produced since 1967, the apex of the Mascheroni Stianti family's varietal research, from some of the highest farm plots. Pomegranate on the nose, touches of laurel, then peony and closing on hints of eucalyptus. Juicy-taut taste, with salty tannins and a return of small fruits.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Levigne 2019

ISTINE

From the vineyard of Istine and Casanova dell'Aia, a selection of the best grapes of Sangiovese for the "product flag" of the family Fronti. Nose with notes of cranberry, then nutmeg and notes of pepper leaf. On the palate savory-saline tannins, with retro-olfactory shades of flint and yellow peach. Beautiful length of taste.



Municipality of Gaiole in Chianti

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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 2020

RIECINE

The Riecine Riserva, from a selection of the best plots of the farm, clay-limestone soils and Sangiovese in purity. On the nose notes of red cherry and nutmeg, with shadows of eucalyptus. Juicy mouth, with iodised-sapid tannins, fruity-mentholated return and a finish of persistence.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Montebuoni 2019

CASTELLO DI AMA

One of the most successful reserves on the market, concentrated freshness. The aroma has notes of red plum, then notes of rose hips and touches of pink pepper. The palate is crisp, brackish, with a final resurface of tamarind and a beautiful juiciness.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Contessa di Radda 2019

GEOGRAFICO

A blend of Sangiovese, Canaiolo and Colorino, for a reserve with a powerful spice nose. Cranberry jam, touches of star anise, laurel and caper fruits. The taste is brackish-dense with perfectly blended tannins and nice persistence.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Brolio 2020

RICASOLI 1141

A reserve of pleasant intensity for Ricasoli, with Sangiovese and a small balance of Merlot. Its many-sided aroma has red currant, memories of Mediterranean maquis, peony and pepper leaf. Sip with brackish tannins, tension and juiciness, finish with a fruity-floral return.



Municipality of Castelnuevo Berardenga

97+



Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 'in 2018

CASTELL'IN VILLA

A reserve that is remembered, overflowing with "alpha" characteristics. Very intense nose, black currant, laurel and shades of eucalyptus. Balsamic-official taste, savory-salty tannins and long taste.



97+



Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 2019

VALLEPICCIOLA

Son of a great year, on the shields the territory of Castelnuevo Berardenga in this excellent reserve. Nose with notes of black cherry, hints of mediterranean bush, juniper and wild iris. Juicy-savory mouthfeel, with final notes of marjoram and red mulberry.



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Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Poggio Teo 2019

FATTORIA DI VALIANO

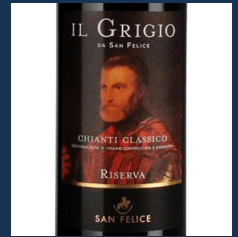
From the oldest vineyard of the winery, a condensation of crispiness. Marasche on the nose, nutmeg and touches of juniper, with shades of brushwood. Great sapid tension in the mouth, with fruity-official resurface and beautiful length.



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**Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Il Grigio da San Felice 2020****SAN FELICE**

The great reliability of Agricola San Felice, for a reserve that is a varietal explosion: Sangiovese but also Abrusco, Pugnitello, Black Malvasia, Cilieggiolo and Mazzese. Notes of blackberry jam on the nose, hints of laurel and licorice. Brackish-sapid taste, with a return of medlar and licorice sensations.



94+

**Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Vigna Misciano 2019****BORGIO SCOPETO**

From the most important vineyard, with sandy-clay matrix soils, a Classico Sangiovese in purity of intensity and tension. Nose with notes of marasche, earthy touches, of licorice powder and marjoram. Juicy-savory taste, with fruity comeback and notes of licorice.



94+

**Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva Rancia 2020****FÈLSINA**

From a single vineyard located in Castelnuovo Berardenga, a taut and sharp Chianti Classico. Nose with small red fruits, currant, then touches of laurel and peony. The mouthfeel is sapid, very taut, with a strawberry tree and juniper berries resurface and an excellent persistence.



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