

CASTELLO DI GABBIANO

Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG

VINTAGE	SCORES	REVIEWER	TASTING NOTES
2022	92	FALSTAFF	
	92	JAMES SUCKLING	A modern wine with toasty aromas of cola, ripe red cherries, jam and flowers. Medium-bodied with a silky palate, ripe velvety tannins and refreshing acidity. Well balanced in a sweet style. Drink now.
	91	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	90	WINES CRITIC	Rich and structured, the main profile shows notes of black plums, blackberries, sandalwood, incense and burnt marjoram. Medium-bodied, with soft tannins and a moderately persistent finish. Drink now.
2021	92	JAMES SUCKLING	A perfumed, vibrant wine with an almost mint-like whiff, this shows red cherries, strawberries, violets and ash. Light- to medium-bodied, it shines with fruit definition. Chalky tannins and crisp acidity. Drink or hold.
	91	WINE ENTHUSIAST	The floral, saline nose gleams with aromas of crushed rocks, new leather, violets and peonies. Elements of bitter citrus and earth define the palate, which presents flavors of tart blackberries and cocoa powder alongside firm tannins and vibrant acid.
	DUE CAVATAPPI	DECANTO	
	4 GRAPPOLI	BIBENDA	
	88	VINOUS	The 2021 Chianti Classico Riserva is a potent wine. Black cherry, dried herbs,

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			tobacco, incense and licorice amplify the darker, more virile side of Sangiovese in the strapping Riserva. This is a bit pushed in fell.
2020	90	JAMES SUCKLING	A precise wine with a low-key nose of red cherries and red currants. Light- to medium-bodied, it shows relatively light velvety tannins, moderate acidity and a tight finish. Drink now.
	91	VINOUS	The 2020 Chianti Classico Riserva is packed with sweet red cherry, kirsch, cedar, sweet pipe tobacco. Ample and generous in feel, the Riserva has a ton to offer. It's a gorgeous and super-expressive offering, wrapped up with a kiss of vanillin oak.
	92	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Aromas of vanilla, toasted coconut, cola, black-cherry syrup and figs play on the nose, while the plate sprinkles spices over more dark, macerated fruit, before a sweet citrus finish. Taut tannins provide an anchor throughout.
	96	GARDINI NOTES	Sangiovese, with a little 'help' of Merlot, a Riserva, aged in a mix of woods of different sizes, of very shiny workmanship and undeniable propensity to drink. The nose has hints of Regina cherry, then ginger and cloves, while the mouthfeel is salty, with a return of red fruit and spicy sensations.
	90	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	91	LUCA MARONI	
	2 BICCHIERI	GAMBERO ROSSO	
	92	CLUB ENOLOGIQUE	This blend of Sangiovese with 5% Merlot is a selection of the best grapes within the 109ha of Chianti Classico vineyards at this historic estate. It opens darkly medicinal, with sarsaparilla and liquorice root on the first nose, then a dark, rich layer of amarena cherry and prune and a base note

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			of cacao, evidence of the 10% new oak vessels (some botti, some barriques) used here. The entry is voluminous but very spacious in the middle, though without much forward propulsion. It seems to simply sit on the entry, a translucent infusion of Black Forest gâteau without much heft or acidic drive, eventually slipping backwards and falling into a rounded bowl of tannin on the back, which is spicy with cardamom and clove.
	96	L'ESPRESSO	
	4 GRAPPOLI	BIBENDA	
	91	WINES CRITIC	Fresh and vibrant in its sensory profile, it shows notes of cherries, sour cherries, red plums, wild strawberries and lemon peel. Ginger and mixed roots describe the secondary scene. Medium-bodied, with slightly "rustic" tannins and a finish of good juiciness. Better from 2025.
2019	92	JAMES SUCKLING	This is aromatic with ripe red berries, citrus peel, dried rosemary and spices. Medium-bodied with polished texture and chalky tannin structure. Hints of earthiness at the end. Drink or hold.
	EXCELLENT	WEIN PLUS	Firm and quite deep, tobacco-like and slightly meaty-animal nose of ripe, mostly black berries, with some tomato paste, dried mushrooms, some smoke and cedar tones. Sour, again tightly knit, ripe and quite juicy fruit with tannins present, fine and sandy, still a bit drying, persistent and powerful on the palate, somewhat reminiscent of tea, sour dark fermentation tones in the background, has substance and good depth, still quite undeveloped, a hint of dark chocolate, also cigar tobacco, excellent finish with ripe juice and spice.
	90	LUCA MARONI	

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	92	WINES CRITIC	Precise and essential in its sensory profile, it shows notes of cherries, white peaches, lime, rose petals, gardenias and magnolias. Full-bodied, with soft tannins and a finish in a "classic" style. Splendid.
	91	CLUB ENOLOGIQUE	Reflecting both the house style and the ripe generosity of 2019, the Riserva Cavaliere d'Oro is sweet-fruited and gentle, with Black Forest cake, brandied cherry and cacao (perhaps a reflection of the 5% Merlot in the blend). The entry is viscous, plush and flavour packed, but the padding gradually melts away to reveal a firm central pillar of tannin held in place by taut wires of acidity – an indication of greater longevity than is suggested at first.
	91	WINE ENTHUSIAST	The nose is very savory, with notes of aged meat, leather, iron and wet earthiness, although fruitier notes emerge over time. The palate stays savory and earthy, with an undertone of cherry-vanilla providing balance, and a spicy kick on the finish. The tannins are taut, and the acidity is bright.
	91.5	ECCELLENZA DI TOSCANA	
	90	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	90	WINE SPECTATOR	A fresh, cherry- and berry-flavored red, with accents of iron, earth, mint and spices. This is vibrant, with a taut structure and harmonious finish. Sangiovese and Merlot. Drink now through 2032.
2018	93	JAMES SUCKLING	Attractive and flavorful with redcurrants, cherries, dried orange peel and chocolate. Polished and textured with medium to full body. Compact and chocolaty with a firm finish. Drink or hold.
	93	WINE SPECTATOR	A firm yet fresh red, with cherry and berry fruit framed by leather and loamy earth. Gains support from well-integrated tannins,

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			ending with harmony and length. Sangiovese and Merlot. Drink now through 2032.
	90	LUCA MARONI	Ruby red in colour. Red cherry, wild strawberry, orange peel, dried herbs, faint menthol aromas. Juicy. Soft contours. Edgy. Showing opulence. Nicely woven together
	92	TONY WOOD	Energetic and vibrant in the glass showing notes of raspberries, currants, wild strawberries and lemon peel. Medium bodied, soft tannins and a juicy finale with pleasing quality and drinkability. Drink now.
	91	VINOUS	The 2018 Chianti Classico Riserva Cavaliere d'Oro offers all of the fruit-forward richness that is such a signature at Gabbiano. Super-ripe cherry, mocha, dried flowers, licorice and mocha all race across the palate. The 2018 is very nicely done, as it does not suffer from the heavier style of some past editions.
	90	JEB DUNNUCK	The 2018 Chianti Classico Riserva is a bit tightly wound on opening but quickly blows off in the glass, revealing notes of sweet tobacco, licorice, and baked sour cherry. It is medium bodied, with generous crunchy red plum fruit, dried herbs, and flowers. It has tangy acidity and a savory appeal for drinking over next couple of years.
	95	LUCA GARDINI	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.
2017	93	JAMES SUCKLING	A ripe and juicy Chianti Classico, yet it stays fresh and vibrant with black-cherry, walnut and sliced-mushroom character. Flavorful and persistent. Drink now or hold.

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	88	VINOUS	Gabbiano's 2017 Chianti Classico Riserva Cavaliere d'Oro is a dark, powerful wine. Macerated dark cherry, tobacco, leather, licorice, game, espresso and new oak give the Cavaliere d'Oro its extroverted personality.
	93	WINES CRITIC	Broad and well-crafted, this young Riserva shows notes of raspberries, redcurrants, wet flowers and sour cherries. Medium- to full-bodied, with round tannins well integrated into the matrix and a fresh, balsamic finish on the close.
	93	WINE SPECTATOR	This has settled down, despite a swath of dense tannins, delivering cherry, strawberry, earth, eucalyptus and mineral flavors. Well-defined, with a firm, yet long finish. Sangiovese and Merlot. Drink now through 2037.
	89	DECANTER	A deft and affordable expression of vintage and place, this is made exclusively from estate vineyards with each parcel vinified and aged separately. Oak barrels vary in sizes from 225L to 30hL, with no more than 10% new wood in the mix. The 2017 wears the warm summer on its sleeve, with roasted meat and baked cherry aromas out of the gate, while dried thyme lends a freshening element. The tannins are robust, gutsy and dry, but padded with generous fruit, while the finish is warm and stony. Drinking 2021-2026.
	92	TONY WOOD	Ruby red in colour. Plum, red berries, sweet spice, wild mushroom and forest floor. A burst of fresh acidity and minerality accompanies you to the finish.
2016	93	JAMES SUCKLING	Beautiful depth to this Chianti Classico with cherry, wet earth and mushroom aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, tight and lightly chewy with firmness and focus. Drink or hold.

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	90	VINOUS	The 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva is laced with dark cherry, plum, chocolate, new leather, licorice and mint. A dollop of Merlot adds mid-palate juiciness and pliancy, along with soft contours that make the wine a real pleasure to taste and drink, even in the early going. This forward, succulent Riserva certainly has plenty to offer.
	90 BEST BUY	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Made with 95% Sangiovese and 5% Merlot, this offers aromas of black-skinned berry, leather and cedar. The bright, balanced palate features black cherry, licorice and white pepper alongside silky tannins and fresh acidity. Enjoy through 2025.
	94	WINES CRITIC	Dark in its defined and precise profile, recalling wild strawberries, brandied sour cherries and freshly pressed grape must. Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins in shape and a sharp finish of noble profile. Better from 2021.
	88	ROBERT PARKER	Opening to sweet and ripe fruit, the 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva Cavaliere d'Oro is a plump and juicy expression of 95% Sangiovese and 5% Merlot from a warm and sunny vintage. The wine offers moderate complexity, nothing too mind-blowing, but what stands out most is that soft and plush approach you get in the mouth. This wine has been engineered for maximum ease and drinkability alongside a simple ragù. An ample 150,000 bottles were made.
2015	93 SMART BUY TOP 100	WINE SPECTATOR	An alluring young Chianti Classico, with all the components in the right proportions. Features ample cherry, plum and berry fruit, with iron, earth and tobacco flavors and a firm, dense structure. Excellent length. Sangiovese and Merlot. Best from 2022 through 2036.
	90	VINOUS	The 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva is terrific. Silky, aromatic and expressive, the Riserva is a beautifully finessed wine from start to finish. Because of its mid-weight, gracious

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			feel, the 2015 can be enjoyed with minimal cellaring. This is an especially sleek style, with quite a bit of freshness for the year, but all the elements are nicely balanced.
	90	FALSTAFF	
	94	TASTING PANEL	Ripe and bright roses and cherries unite on the nose. White-peppered cranberries arrive on the first sip, with red tea and cinnamon surging forth on a lengthy flow. Juicy cherry and dried floral tones enter mid-palate, where they're lit up with gorgeous acidity and intriguing savory qualities—dried oranges plus an echo of new leather—that persist.
	91	DECANTER	A gentle nuanced fragrance of wild flowers and fresh fruit, with a crunchy texture and grainy, softly-knitted tannins. Drinking Window 2020 – 2025
2014	89	JAMES SUCKLING	The new wood is showing quite a bit now underlining the cherry with vanilla character. Medium body, medium tannins and a fresh finish.
	90	VINOUS	The 2014 Chianti Classico Riserva is a very pretty wine. Sweet tobacco, leather, spice, menthol and dried black cherry notes suggest that it won't be an especially long-lived Riserva, and the slightly forward aromas and flavors result in an open-knit, expressive wine that is ready to drink now
	89 BEST BUY	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Aromas of dark fruit, tilled soil and tobacco emerge from the glass. The savory, straightforward palate offers Marasca cherry, clove and a hint of star anise alongside firm tannins and fresh acidity.
	90	MICHAEL GODEL	This is the Chianti Classico Riserva of sanguine luminosity that responds to the firm grip of the 2014 vintage. The varietal freshness is preserved to an extent that previous vintages did not achieve. Once

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			again, the current vintage is highlighted, even before considering the hands and minds behind it. The ageing potential here is excellent. Drink 2018-2029. Tasted in February 2017.
	4 GRAPPOLI	BIBENDA	Brilliant ruby red. It has a Mediterranean character, with aromas of wild berries, balsamic hints, orange and violet. Juicy and firm.
	3 VITI	VITAE	Bright ruby red. Delicate yet clear initial aromas of fresh cherry, undergrowth, lesser calamint and black pepper. On the palate it is orderly, savory and aristocratic, with a harmonious tannic attack. Fruity and spicy finish.
	88	WINE SPECTATOR	Ripe and ready to drink, with plum, earth, iron and tobacco flavors. There's no rush, given the firm structure, but enjoy this red while there is still ample fruit in the mix. Drink now through 2022. 13,900 cases made, 8,500 cases imported.
2013	92	WINE SPECTATOR	A lean, firmly structured style, saturated with cherry, currant, almond and salty mineral notes. This feels almost as if the palate is compressed, squeezing out the fruit and mineral flavors on the long finish. Best from 2021 through 2033.
	91	JAMES SUCKLING	Subtle aromas and flavors of shaved chocolate, dried berry and spice. Medium body, silky tannins and savory fruit character. Drink now.
	92	VINOUS	The 2012 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Bellezza is plump, juicy and expressive. Succulent red cherries, plums, sweet spices, leather and smoke flesh out nicely in the glass. The aromatics are slightly forward, which leads me to believe the 2012 will not be a long-term ager. Still, today the Bellezza is attractive and immediate, both qualities

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			that make it an excellent choice for near term drinking.
	89	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Aromas of ripe black-skinned fruit, sunbaked earth and tobacco lead the nose. The ripe palate delivers dried black cherry, star anise and a hint of mocha while fine-grained tannins give it a firm finish.
	93	ROBERT WHITLEY	Castello di Gabbiano 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG — This Tuscan property has been on a roll with recent vintages, so the 2013 is just one in a string of successes. The Riserva exhibits excellent structure, good weight on the palate and firm acidity. On the nose, the wine shows notes of dried herbs and spice, which carry through to the palate. Aromas of black cherry and earthy forest floor dominate. The finish shows intensity and uncommon length. Drink now, or wait another three to five years, when it will be approaching its peak.
	SILVER	SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION	
	92	NATALIE MACLEAN	A vibrant, racy, smooth, full-bodied Chianti Reserva with great typicity of the region and terroir. Aromas of earth, smoke and dried black fruit. Mouth-watering and juicy. Pair with tomato-based meat sauces
2012	95	ROBERT WHITLEY	This winery was one of the first to embrace the renaissance in quality that lifted the Chianti region to world-class levels a few decades back. Over the past 20 years Gabbiano's wines have improved steadily, delivering a combination of elegance, purity and value at the same time. The 2012 Riserva exhibits all of that, with notes of black cherry, dried herbs and spice. The firm structure suggests this is a Chianti that will develop and improve over time, as well. A Platinum award-winner at the 2017 Critics

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			Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition.
	92	JAMES SUCKLING	Aromas of dried cherry, blueberry and citrus character. Full body, citrus peel and firm, silky tannins. Plenty of fruit. Flavorful.
	91	LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS	
2011	92	JAMES SUCKLING	Excellent red with layers of subtle fruit, toasted oak, mushroom and truffles. Full body with firm, racy tannins and a long, flavorful finish. A solid example of a riserva Chianti Classico with lovely balance and structure. Drink now.
	89	WINE ENTHUSIAST	A full-bodied mix of Sangiovese and 5% Merlot, this offers aromas of ripe dark-skinned fruit, dark cooking spice, menthol and tobacco. On the firm, forward palate, notes of clove, peppercorn and anise accent the core of dried black cherry. Assertive, fine-grained tannins provide the framework.
		Best of Show 2016 VANCOUVER	Bold and powerful, these reds are loaded with flavour, emphatic tannins, and rich body. Best in a big-bowled glass with robust food: stir-fried beef or steak tartare.
2010	88	WINE SPECTATOR	A firm, dense red, defined by beety tannins. The cherry, raspberry and briar flavors remain persistent and juicy at the core. Best from 2015 through 2025.
	90	JAMES SUCKLING	This is delicious and shows the delicacy and balance of a solid Chianti Classico. Medium to full body, fine tannins and a fresh, fruity and tangy aftertaste. Some pretty orange peel undertones too. Drink now.
	90	VINOUS	Plums, dark cherries, tobacco, menthol, sage and underbrush all flesh out in the 2010 Chianti Classico Riserva. A deep yet focused wine, the Riserva stands out for its

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			textural depth, persistence and terrific overall balance. Sweet floral notes add lift on the finish. This is one of the best wines I have tasted from Gabbiano in some time.
	89	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	90	WINE ENTHUSIAST	This shows plum and coffee aromas along with toasted notes of well-integrated oak. The palate delivers black cherry flavor along with white pepper and cinnamon spice. Let this age a few more years to develop additional complexity.
2009	2 BICCHIERI	GAMBERO ROSSO	Solid and full of character, with intense, ripe aromas and a juicy, well-paced palate.
	4 GRAPPOLI	BIBENDA	Ruby red with garnet highlights. On the nose, juicy aromas stand out, led by sour cherry, with notes of marasca cherry, dried rose, leather, blond tobacco, pepper, and a fitting balsamic vein. Expressive on the palate, with well-extracted tannins and lively acidity. It closes with hints of sweet spices.
	GOLD DIPLOM	EXPOVINA	
	89	ROBERT PARKER	Smooth, lush and elegant with bright, tangy plum and ripe berry fruit; good depth, supple and refined with lovely texture and long, seamless flavors of fruit, spice and wood; complete and quite lovely.
	92	JAMES SUCKLING	Complex and complete red with spices, cinnamon, and dried fruits. Full body, with well-integrated tannins and a clean finish. This is really well done for Gabbiano. Drink now.
	92	WINE SPECTATOR	
	GOLD MEDAL	2013 SAN FRANCISCO	

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		INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION	
	BRONZE AWARD	DECANTER ASIA WINE AWARDS 2012	Nice floral nose of rose and violets with a palate of plums, blackberries and green pepper hints.
	PLATINUM MEDAL	2013 CRITICS CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION	
2008	84	LUCA MARONI	
	88	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	90	WINE ENTHUSIAST	This beautiful wine is polished and bright, with fresh berry notes backed by white almond, leather, moist tobacco and crème de cassis. It's medium bodied, which makes this ruby red wine particularly well-suited to pair with your favorite meat dishes.
	90	JAMES SUCKLING	A balanced and fruity red, with plum, berry and hints of chocolate and cedar. Full and silky textured. Delicious now.
	84	WINE SPECTATOR	A modern style, with new oak adding vanilla, spice and a veneer over the blackberry and plum notes. The wood is a bit dominant, showing as dry tannins on the finish. Drink now through 2016.
	87	ROBERT PARKER	Castello di Gabbiano's 2008 Chianti Classico Riserva emerges from the glass with a powerful personality. Dark fruit, menthol, minerals and sweet spices flow effortlessly from this intense, full-bodied Chianti. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023.
	4 GRAPPOLI	DUEMILAVINI AIS	

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2007	89	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	2 BICCHIERI	GAMBERO ROSSO	Ripe fruity notes of blackberry and plum jam, accompanied by hints of dried flowers and aromatic herbs. Juicy and flavourful on the palate, leading to a savoury and long-lasting finish.
	90	WINE SPECTATOR	A rich, full red, with lots of light toasty oak, chocolate and dried fruits. There's excellent length and depth of fruit to this. Impressive. Best from 2011 through 2015.
	86	LUCA MARONI	
	4 GRAPPOLI	DUEMILAVINI AIS	
	GOLD DIPLOM	EXPOVINA	
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	GOLD	BERLINER WEIN TROPHY 2011	
	90	GLOBE AND MAIL SCORE	Big cherry, chocolate and mineral flavours play on a teeter totter of dry tannins and mouthwatering acidity. This represents great value in a Chianti riserva. It could improve with five years in the cellar.
	RICONOSCIMENTO VINI ECCELLENTI d'ITALIA	GUIDA TAVOLA&GUSTO	
2006	82	LUCA MARONI	
	3 GRAPPOLI	DUEMILAVINI AIS	
	2 BICCHIERI	GAMBERO ROSSO	

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	15	L'ESPRESSO	
	90	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	87	WINE SPECTATOR	Aromas of plum and dried cherry, with hints of flowers, follow through to a medium body, with fine tannins and a fresh, fruity aftertaste. A clean, traditional, no-nonsense Chianti Classico.
	89	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Aged in a combination of French barrique and larger oak casks, this Riserva Chianti Classico delivers typical Sangiovese aromas of red berry, violets and wet earth followed by tight freshness and some grittiness in the mouth.
2005	1 BICCHIERE	GAMBERO ROSSO	
	16	L'ESPRESSO	
	87	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	87	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Here's a lean, compact and traditional Riserva Chianti Classico with delicate aromas of wild berry, almond skin and violets. The structure is thin and lightweight, yet the wine closes with a much-needed burst of fresh acidity.
	82	LUCA MARONI	
	3 GRAPPOLI	DUEMILAVINI AIS	
	84	WINE SPECTATOR	Medium-bodied, with plum, berry and mineral character. This has a rather simple palate, but it's clean and quaffable.
	5 STARS	BUSINESS WEEK - WOW	"Gabbiano Gets It Right" Made from pure sangiovese grapes, the 2005 Chianti Classico Riserva Castello di Gabbiano is a

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			sheer delight that's priced right . It is absolutely à point at the moment—the perfect balance of fruit and oak and soft, easy tannins. It's fresh and vibrant with the charming exuberance of sangiovese, but rounded out with intriguing hints of earth and smoke that make me think of Tuscan truffles and cinghiale, and dusty roads in summer lined with poplar trees.
	90	WINE REVIEW ONLINE	This top-of-the-line Sangiovese got full-court treatment: tank fermentation, maceration, daily pump-overs, malolactic fermentation, and aging for 20 months in French and Slovenian oak casks and French oak barrels. More forward with a deeper nose of black fruits and traces of anise and black pepper than Gabbiano's Chianti Classico, the Riserva fills the mouth with layered, bright fruit flavors and firm tannins, finishing with plenty of fruit and length and 13.5% alcohol. This flagship Chianti shows more depth and complexity and will age nicely for at least five more years
	BRONZE	DECANTER	
2004	82	LUCA MARONI	
	3 GRAPPOLI	DUEMILAVINI AIS	
	2 BICCHIERI	GAMBERO ROSSO	
	91	THE WINE NEWS	The Grapes from Gabbiano's historic Chianti Classico vineyards — some of the vines are over 30 years old — have yielded another vintage that is, well, pretty classic Classico, with rich ruby color and a spicy aroma loaded with black pepper, licorice/dry fennel. That spiciness, especially the fennel, carries all the way through a long satisfying finish. The wine is

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generous and chewy without being overwhelmingly dense, which is one reason why it's such a good food wine. No surprise that it marries well with tomato-based sauces and other typical Italian fare, but the wine's balance is so finely tuned that it pairs well with a number of dishes you might not necessarily think of — I had it recently with grilled sea bass, for example, which was an unexpectedly felicitous match.

	88	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	89	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Dark ruby with a burgundy-brown hue to its color, this wine seems older than it is and should be consumed within the next two years. However, that graceful aging process has imparted compelling aromas of black licorice, tar, dried lavender and roasted nuts over a bright, spicy finish. This wine is not overtly intense but it does play the elegance card well.
	84	WINE SPECTATOR	
2003	82	LUCA MARONI	
	2 BICCHIERI	GAMBERO ROSSO	
	83	WINE SPECTATOR	
	3 GRAPPOLI	DUEMILAVINI AIS	
2001	14.5	L'ESPRESSO	
	87	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	80	LUCA MARONI	

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	2 BICCHIERI	GAMBERO ROSSO	The 2001 Riserva displays a beautiful ruby colour, with tertiary notes on the nose of tobacco and fur, joined by gentle fruity aromas. On the palate, a good overall balance can be perceived, with the tannic component blending perfectly with the alcoholic one. Relaxed finish, with a crescendo of flavour.
	92	WINE NEWS	An inviting bouquet of sweet tobacco, tea, pencil and glove leather. Juicy and sweet with clove, black cherry and tea flavors. Lengthy, fruit-driven finish with well-integrated tannins and a slight, citrus-like bite.
	3 STARS BEST BUY	WINE INVESTOR'S BUYING	The aroma suggests the forest floor to which cherries and raspberries have been added. These are complemented by pepper, anise, cinnamon and tobacco. A delightful melange of flavors and a rustic texture.
		WINE SKINNY.COM	Deep red berry fruit, violet and spice aromas and flavors, picking up accents of tobacco and creamy milk chocolate...Yummy! And a good value, too.
	86	WINE SPECTATOR	Pretty floral and earthy mineral aromas follow through to a fresh, medium-bodied palate, with firm tannins and a fresh finish....delicious.
	GOLD	CRITICS CHALLENGE WINE COMPETITION 2004	
	4 GRAPPOLI	DUEMILAVINI AIS	
2000		NAPA VALLEY REGISTER 28 Dan Berger: On Wine - Wine of the week	The fruit aroma here is similar to cherry and cranberry and it has a full , rich taste with the expected tartness of the grape. truly fine wine, and one that will be better in a year or two.the 1999 vintage is still widely available, and it is also a great value, but the

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			new 2000(should be on store shelves by early february) is really special and good value in a riserva quality red wine.
		FOOD WINE MAGAZINE	A straightforward 2000 , medium-bodied red with good acidity... (to) complement the concentrated flavors of the roasted tomatoes.
	SILVER	INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2003	
	86	WINE SPECTATOR	Clean and fruity. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a fresh finish. Lovely.
	93	AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW Life & Leisure	Smell of brick dust and rose, fragrant currants and subtle oak smikiness. Attack deep and juicy. This is really smart Riserva Sangiovese at a more than reasonable price.
1999	90	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Nice young chianti with lots of black cherry fruit and brisk, sour acids that make your cheeks pucker. the wine is dry and balanced and cries out for rich italian food.
	86	WINE SPECTATOR	Plenty of dried fruit and spices on the nose. medium-bodied, with silky tannins and a delicious ripe fruit finish.
1997	85	THE WINE NEWS	Pungent mushroom scents with secondary cherry nuances. Very crisp and racy with strawberry fruit and a note of iron. Lean, drying finish with a citrus-like kick
	92	EPICUREAN	97 was a stellar year in Tuscany and this Chianti gives it full expression. Aromatic, lush and dry, with blackberry, raspberry, cranberry and soil flavors, smooth tannin, firm structure and a long fruit and mineral finish
	87	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Lean and focused, this wine offers dark berry and plum aromas with cedary accents. Chocolate and cocoa notes add interest on the palate. The acids are a touch

CASTELLO DI GABBIANO

high—but they keep the flavors and mouthfeel lively and will make the wine work well with food. Drink now through 2005.

THE DALLAS
MORNING NEWS
Cathy Barber

Light in texture and flavor. There is a touch of earthiness and a fruity finish.

TASTERS GUILD

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THE WOW REPORT
Robert Whitley

Very Good ...the Gabbiano is beautifully balanced and elegant. In its price category, this wine fits nicely...

COLORADO WINE
NEWS

It has a bouquet of cherry, blackberry, currant, plum and soft earth which adds a bit of spice before a medium-long medium-broad finish with some tannin and a well integrated hint of wood.

THE BLADE Robert
Kirtland

This is an impressively structured wine, meaning that it is a harmonious complex of taste sensations unfolding from first sip to swallow.

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WINE & SPIRITS

Tart fruit emerges out of the smokiness of the wine, flavors of blackberries and persimmons. The oak lends a chocolate and coconut tone.

THE SUNDAY
TIMES Bill
Thompson

This is a classy Chianti showing real bottle age and has a realistic price. Dense berry flavours tied to long oak and fruit tannins make a delightful core. Aromatic spices add complexity and, predictably, this wine demands Italian soul food as a table partner.