

CASTELLO DI GABBIANO

Chianti Classico DOCG

VINTAGE	SCORES	REVIEWER	TASTING NOTES
2024	91	JAMES SUCKLING	A fresh and fruity wine, with aromas of red currant, red cherries and fresh roses. Light-bodied and crisp, if not downright lively, it features chalky tannins and an elegant, polished finish. Drink now.
	88	WINE SPECTATOR	A broad red, offering cherry, plum, iron and spice flavors, this is moderately dense, with refined tannins lining the finish. Sangiovese and Merlot. Drink now through 2030.
	88	DECANTER	
2023	92	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	90 BEST BUY	WINE ENTHUSIAST	The sanguine, sweet nose presents aromas of Mission fig, black cherry, graphite and top soil. Tart and sweet cherries and berries glisten on the palate, which is bright and crunchy, with polished tannins that create a silken mouthfeel.
	89	FALSTAFF	
2022	91	JAMES SUCKLING	A soft and textured wine with a juicy palate. It has a medium body and dusty tannins, offering flavors of ripe cherries and hints of licorice and dried rose petals. Drink now or hold.
	89	WINES CRITIC	Cherries, sour cherries and freshly cut grass define the primary profile of this Chianti Classico Annata. Medium-

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			bodied, with soft tannins and a finish of moderate complexity. Drink now. The 2022 Chianti Classico is a soft, fruity wine to drink now and over the next handful of years. Dried flowers, tobacco, cedar and sweet dried cherry convey the impression of a wine that is ready to go. The aromatic midweight style is attractive.
	87	VINOUS	
	91	LUCA MARONI	
	88	ECCELLENZA DI TOSCANA	
	2 BICCHIERI	GAMBERO ROSSO	
2021	91	JAMES SUCKLING	Notes of ripe cherries, raspberries, ground spices, walnuts and hints of cocoa on the nose. Medium-bodied, tense and dry, with firm, dusty tannins. Juicy and polished. Drink now or hold.
	90	VINOUS	The 2021 Chianti Classico is a potent, full-bodied offering from Gabbiano. Dark-toned fruit, leather, spice, menthol, mocha and licorice are some of the notes that inform this decidedly heady Chianti Classico.
	91	CLUB ENOLOGIQUE	The annata at this vast, historic estate – with 109ha of Chianti Classico vineyards spread over San Casciano and San Donato in Poggio – is made from a blend of Sangiovese, Colorino and Merlot. For all that, it is quite pale in hue and only moderately intense on the nose, which is sweetly spicy with herbal and vegetal undertones. Notes of torrone and blond coffee from French oak casks and small barrels (though the latter are neutral) mingle with tomato leaf, chicory and subdued pomegranate fruit. The palate maintains this idiosyncratic mix of sweet and vegetal, adding notes of cardamom along with more fruit,

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			becoming a rich mulberry on the palate. While there is fresh acidity and light, chalky tannins, the shape remains loosely defined, never quite coalescing.
	90	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	90	LUCA MARONI	
2020	92	JAMES SUCKLING	Aromas of cherry chocolate, pomegranate skins, bark and moist earth. Medium-bodied with chalky tannins and juicy acidity, giving it tension and crunchiness. Bright and vivid red-fruited finish. Drink now.
	90	VINEPAIR	There are a lot of very affordable Chianti bottles out there and it can be difficult to find the one that hits. Look no further — this one hits and it's under 20 bucks. It has tart cherries on the nose with a dollop of fresh earth. It has a bright, grippy, and tart palate with good medium fruit and blousy acidity that's matched by the depth.
	93	WINES CRITIC	Blood orange, strawberry juice and pink grapefruit fill the glass with intense aromas. In the background, yellow flowers such as blooming broom mingle with aromatic herbs including chamomile and lemon balm. On the palate, it is medium-bodied, with polished tannins and a juicy, delicate finish. Drink now or age further.
	90 BEST BUY	WINE ENTHUSIAST	The nose is primarily savory and slightly medicinal, but a hint of cherries and a splash of vanilla provides balance. Sweetness emerges on the palate, with strawberries and a bolder streak of cherries, while an undertone of astringent fruitiness maintains balance before a hot, acidic finish.

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	90	LUCA MARONI	
	94	ESPRESSO	
	91	TONY WOOD	Very pale ruby red in colour. Reductive notes that need to blow off. Violet florals with gardenia. Red cherry, dark plum, tobacco, balsamic notes, and spiced orange peel. Cool entry. Very light in texture. Delicate but conveys a strong message. Tannins have disappeared. Edgy acidity carries the energy to a medium length finish.
	93	CLUB ENOLOGIQUE	This understated 2020 Annata is most likely a reflection of the vintage more than anything else. It has a much more exposed structure and herbal aromatics than is typical for this bottling. The shy nose opens with vetiver-laced dried cranberry. However, the entry has a flavour concentration and depth. The scarlet cherry fruit is immense and resonant, while ferrous and dried grass notes cling to the margins. Plaster dust tannins are persistent and centred, while the acidity is pervasive and illuminating. A long, svelte finish carries its tannins for some time without ever feeling impeded. Very balanced and complete.
2019	90	TONY WOOD	Medium ruby red in colour. Heady bouquet of black cherry, dark plum, rhubarb, liquorice and menthol. Soft fruity entry. Medium bodied. Pleasant impression of a balanced fruit led juicy wine.
2018	90	LUCA MARONI	
	89 BEST BUY	WINEENTHUSIAST	Aromas of dark-skinned fruit, cedar and underbrush emerge from the glass. The polished, easy-drinking palate offers

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			black plum, star anise and clove alongside smooth tannins. Drink through 2025.
	89	DECANTER	Offering impressive value for money, Gabbiano's annata is sourced from estate and contract fruit in the commune of San Casciano Val di Pesa. Ageing is in a combination of various size French oak cask and barrel as well as concrete vats. Very attractive blackberry and blackcurrant nuances are at the fore here, with earth and cedar in the background. Rather than muscling its way in, this expands generously across the palate on a wave of velvety tannins and soft acidity. Fresh and immediately accessible. Drinking Window 2021-2025.
	89	VINOUS	The 2018 Chianti Classico Cavaliere d'Oro is a soft, fleshy wine to drink now and over the next handful of years. Dried cherry, cedar, tobacco and mint give this open-knit Chianti Classico a good bit of immediacy. The 2018 is not hugely complex, but it will drink well right out of the gate.
2017	91	JAMES SUCKLING	Cherries and orange peel with some spice and cedar character. Medium body, light tannins and a clean finish. Nice hint of bitterness at the end. Drink now.
	90	VINOUS	The 2017 Chianti Classico Cavaliere d'Oro is a soft, fruity wine to drink now and over the next handful of years. Sweet red berry fruit, tobacco, cedar and crushed flowers are all pushed forward in this easygoing, open-knit Chianti Classico from Gabbiano.
	89 #41 TOP100 BEST BUY	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Aromas of black-skinned berry, violet and Mediterranean brush lead the nose on this 90% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot and

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			5% Colorino blend. The savory palate offers dried black cherry, star anise and ground pepper alongside smooth tannins. Drink through 2025.
	90	WINES CRITIC	Delightful on the nose, with aromas of strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. Medium to full-bodied, with well-defined tannins and a simple yet harmonious finish. Drink now.
	89	TONY WOOD	Mid ruby red in colour. Red cherry, wild strawberry, tobacco, dried earth. Forward acidity upsets the balance.
2016	93	JAMES SUCKLING	Refined, tight and very pretty with cherry and cedar character, as well as firm, silky tannins and a fresh, flavorful finish. Medium to full body. Drink now or hold.
	88	VINOUS	The 2016 Chianti Classico is aromatic, lifted and gracious in feel. Crushed flowers, sweet red berries, tobacco, cedar and anise are nicely layered in this attractive, perfumed Chianti Classico. I would prefer to drink it over the next few years.
	90	LUCA MARONI	
	89 BEST BUY	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Aromas of violet, dark berry and underbrush lead the nose on this 90% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot and 5% Colorino blend. The juicy palate offers black cherry, star anise and white pepper alongside pliant tannins.
	88 BEST VALUES	WINE SPECTATOR	A taut, tannic style, with black cherry, plum, leafy underbrush and tar flavors converging on the dense, burly finish. Best from 2022 through 2030.

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	87	ROBERT PARKER	The 2016 Chianti Classico Cavaliere d'Oro is a simple and honest expression of Sangiovese without too many extra bells or whistles. The bouquet offers bright notes of wild cherry, dried raspberry and cassis. Background tones include mild spice and cured tobacco. This is a lean and immediate expression to wash down with your favorite pasta dish.
2015	91	JAMES SUCKLING	A pretty red with dark berry, chocolate and terracotta character. Medium to full body, round and juicy tannins and a flavorful finish. Drink or hold.
	92 BEST VALUES #33 TOP 100 WINES 2019	WINE SPECTATOR	An elegant style, offering black cherry, blackberry, iron and earth flavors, with a hint of wild herbs. The vibrant structure keeps this focused and drives the lingering finish. Drink now through 2033.
	89 BEST BUY	WINE ENTHUSIAST	Made with 90% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot and 5% Colorino, this juicy wine opens with aromas of blue flower, black-skinned berry and a whiff of tobacco. The savory palate doles out Marasca cherry, licorice and black pepper alongside velvety tannins. Enjoy over the next few years.
	88	VINOUS	The 2015 Chianti Classico is radiant, silky and supple, all qualities that make it an excellent choice for drinking now and over the next handful of years. Bright red cherry, raspberry and floral notes are nicely delineated throughout.
	87	WINE ADVOCATE	The 2015 Chianti Classico is a simple and streamlined wine with a food-friendly disposition. You could pair this no-fuss value wine with a lunch omelet topped with fresh garden herbs and dill. The straightforward assembly sees 90% Sangiovese enhanced by the softness,

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			color intensity and mild structure of 5% Merlot and 5% Colorino
	4GRAPPOLI	BIBENDA	Ruby red in colour. It opens with notes of red fruit and fine spices, followed by hints of humus and black pepper. On the palate it is true to the nose, typically fresh, savory and supported by tannins.
2014	91	JAMES SUCKLING	Soft and fruity with dried berry, cherry and hints of cream. Medium body, fine tannins and a fresh, savory finish. Solid Chianti Classico. Drink now
2013	91	JAMES SUCKLING	A full and silky red with dark berry, chocolate, and chili aromas and flavors. Full body. Delicious fruit. Drink now.
2012	90 BEST BUY	WINE ENTHUSIAST	This straightforward, savory wine opens with aromas of ripe berry, tobacco, blue flowers and a whiff of cedar. The bright, accessible palate delivers crushed black cherry, licorice and white pepper alongside supple tannins and fresh acidity. It's made for sheer drinking pleasure so enjoy over the next few years.
2011	90 BEST BUY #33 TOP100	WINE ENTHUSIAST	This vibrant selection offers floral and fruit fragrances of violet and red berry. The palate delivers juicy red cherry flavor, with white pepper and nutmeg accents alongside bracing tannins that should soften over the next year or two. Perfect to match with barbecues or pastas topped with dense sauces.
	88	VINOUS	Gabbiano's 2011 Chianti Classico is a pretty wine to drink over the next few years. Crushed raspberries, tobacco, cedar, dried flowers and mint waft from the glass in this delicate yet pliant, open Chianti Classico. The 2011 is 90% Sangiovese and 10% other grapes (mostly Merlot) aged predominantly in cask.

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2009	90	JAMES SUCKLING	
	86	WINE SPECTATOR	Cherry and raspberry jujube notes meet stiff tan-nins in this medium-bodied red, which is rustic, with moderate length. Best from 2015 through 2022.
	87	GUIDA ORO VERONELLI	
	16/20	L'ESPRESSO	Notes of red currant, violet and light oak; the structure is initially firm but gradually gains complexity, with a long savory streak that supports and refreshes the palate. Solid and not lacking in personality, it shows intense, ripe aromas and a juicy, well-paced palate.
	3 GRAPPOLI	BIBENDA	Rubino tendente al granato. Naso di amarena, ciliegia, viola e maggiorana. In bocca ha equilibrio e buon timbro tannico. Finale su note di erbe aromatiche.