

# CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA



# 2021 CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA DOCG

## **WINERY**

Family-owned since 1967, located on a hilltop north of the town of Radda, 2,024 feet above sea level, highest vineyards in the Chianti Classico region.

# **WINE**

Iconic wine from Castello di Volpaia made exclusively from Sangiovese grapes. Representing the rebirth of Chianti Classico as a fine wine region, it was the first ever Chianti that made it to the top 3 of "Wine Spectator Top 100 Wines of the Year" with the 2015 vintage.

#### **VINEYARDS**

At 2,000 feet, this is one of the highest-elevation wineries in the Chianti region. The vineyards are located in Casavecchia, Casetto, Castellino, Campo a Prato, Pratolino, Santa Caterina, Santa Maria Novella, Vignavecchia.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage started with a hot March, followed by a sharp temperature drop in early April, which fortunately did not damage the buds much. April and May had lower-than-average temperatures and a lot of rain. Summer was very hot with little rainfall. From mid-August, temperatures became milder with continued little rain. The harvest began slightly earlier than usual.

#### WINEMAKING

24 months in oak casks (combination of Slovenian and French) and minimum 3 months in bottle.

# TASTING NOTES

The Chianti Classico Riserva boasts a beautiful ruby red hue, accented with a subtle trace of garnet, which adds to its visual appeal. On the nose, it offers an elegant bouquet that delicately displays hints of spice and fruit, creating a complex and inviting aroma. This wine is exceptionally well-structured, featuring smooth and refined tannins that give it a balanced and harmonious character.

# **VINEYARD**

Region: Tuscany

Appellation: Chianti Classico DOCG

Soil: Mostly clay

Age/Exposure: Planted 1970-2002

South, southeast, southwest

Vine Density: 1,038-2,306 vines/acre

Certification: Organic

# WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Sangiovese

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and French) and minimum 3 months in bottle.

# **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

Alcohol: 14%

Total Acidity: 4 g/L

Residual Sugar: <0.5 g/L

**pH**: 3.26