

# TOLAINI

## New Scores from

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90  
POINTS



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92+  
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### Chianti Classico Vallenuova 2017

*"The 2017 Chianti Classico Vallenuova shows a fair amount of oak spice and black fruit, as well as good textural fiber on the close. Aged for ten months in large barrels, this wine is soft, round and thick around the middle. This is a very succulent and ripe Chianti Classico with big bones. It would make a great pairing with a rabbit pappardelle. Some 15,000 bottles were made."*

**-M.L. (9/19/19)**

### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2015

*"The 2015 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Montebello Sette feels just as important as it sounds. It offers big, mature and dense fruit that you can chew on. This pure Sangiovese carries itself with great fullness, generous fruit and nicely integrated tannins, and it begs for a steak au poivre. You can't overstate the thickness and softness here. Some 15,000 bottles were produced."*

**-M.L. (9/19/19)**

### Al Passo 2016

*"There are three grapes here in more or less equal measure: Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. You'll find sturdy notes of tilled earth in the 2016 Al Passo, with lots of intensity and ripe fruit. It would make a nice pairing with a good old spaghetti al ragù. The wine is balanced and bright without too much concentration or heft. It feels very Tuscan. This is Tolaini's base wine, of which they produced a massive 100,000 bottles in this vintage, and you get excellent value."*

**-M.L. (9/19/19)**

### Valdisanti 2015

*"This Tuscan blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Sangiovese and 5% Cabernet Franc is all about richness and fullness, with 18 months in French oak affording it expansive notes of spice and tobacco. The 2015 Valdisanti is a very nice red to enjoy with a nice plate of your favorite grilled meats. An ample 80,000 bottles were produced."*

**-M.L. (9/19/19)**

### Picconero 2015

*The 2015 Picconero Tenuta Montebello is a blend of 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc that pours out lots of dark fruit and plum. This is a very nice, juicy and balanced wine with good thickness, a great match for iron steak and blue cheese butter sauce. In general, I've found these wines from Tolaini to be top notch, with succulent tones of ripe fruit and pretty intensity. This one is at the top of the pyramid, and I'm guessing 2016 in particular could be even better. They released about 9,000 bottles of this vintage."*

**-M.L. (9/19/19)**

Chianti Classico Vallenuova 2017 is available now and the other wines will be available in December, 2019.