

**G**rapes  
100% Merlot

**A**rea of production  
Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy

**S**oil  
Lime and clay with a considerable presence of gravel size stones

**Y**ield  
50 qt/ha

**V**ineyard technique

**Vine age** Plantings completed in spring 2000

**Plant density** 6,900-11,000 plants per hectare

**Production** 7900 bottles (2009); 16,500 bottles (2010); 15,500 bottles (2011); 4,200 (2014); 9,000 (2015); 2,500 (2016); 5,700 (2018); 4,200 (2019)

**W**inemaking

Grapes are first selected during harvest in the vineyard and then by an optical sorter when they arrive at the winery; they are destemmed and the whole berries are immediately placed in French oak fermenters.

**Alcoholic fermentation** Fermentation is temperature-controlled, and the must is kept in contact with the skins for 30 days. The wine is put in 100% new, open top French barriques where we perform soft manual punch down.

**Maturation** The wine then ages in 100% new French barriques for 18 months, of which 6 months are on the fine lees. The wine is then bottled and rests another 12 months before shipping.

**T**asting notes

Rich, concentrated and muscular, yet wonderfully balanced with big tannins and deep tiers of cherry, plums and wild berries, and nuances of spice, vanilla and licorice. A long flavorful aftertaste echoes with juicy fruit and mouthwatering tannins for minutes afterwards. Sensual and young, this wine promises a long life in the bottle.



AG Vinous	2020, 2018	93 points
	2019, 2016	92 points

Gambero Rosso	2010, 2009	
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Robert Parker Wine Advocate	2020, 2014, 2010	94 points
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	2018, 2015	95 points
	2016	96 points
	2011, 2009, 2006	93 points

James Suckling	2020, 2018	95 points
	2019, 2016	96 points
	2015, 2011, 2009	93 points
	2010, 2008	94 points

Wine Enthusiast	2018	93 points
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Wine Spectator	2020, 2018, 2006	94 points
	2015, 2011, 2007	93 points

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