



In the ancient lands of Castello di Albola, once ruled by the noble Houses of Tuscany, namely the Pazzi, the Acciaiuoli and the Ginori Conti, the vine has flourished for centuries, and in the sublime beauty of these landscapes it yields perfect fruit. The high altitude, the diversity and suitability of the soils for wine growing, and the perfect exposure form a unified whole, a 'radiant jewel' that shines with its own light against the glittering treasure trove that is Chianti Classico, with its sloping hillside vineyards, historic buildings and artistic treasures. This outstanding Estate requires daily dedication and constant care, and rewards those who love it with wines that are truly extraordinary: striving to match the splendour of Castello di Albola, they are authentic and seductive and demand devotion and thoughtful meditation.

## SANTA CATERINA 2017

### CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG GRAN SELEZIONE

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Santa Caterina takes its name from a single vineyard covering just a little more than five hectares on a south-facing slope, at an average altitude of 550 metres. It is a privileged parcel due to the composition of the soil, rich in galestro (a rocky, schistous clay soil), and to the quality of the Sangiovese grapes grown there. Vinified from a single variety, with a long ageing period in wood barrels, they turn into a shiny wine in the glass, with an invigorating scent and a strong, long-lasting taste that encapsulates the very soul of Castello di Albola.



**APPELLATION**  
Chianti Classico DOCG  
Gran Selezione



**PRODUCTION AREA**  
Radda in Chianti, Chianti Classico



**GRAPES**  
100% Sangiovese



**SERVING TEMPERATURE**  
16° - 18° C



**ALCOHOL CONTENT**  
13,5% vol.



**AVAILABLE SIZES**  
750ml - 1500 ml - 3000ml - 5000ml

#### VINIFICATION AND AGEING

Fermented in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature, where it is left to macerate for about 3 weeks. Once the malolactic fermentation process has come to an end, 50% of the wine is placed in barriques and the other half in large Slavonian oak barrels to age for 14 months, followed by a further year and a half in the bottle.

#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOUR:** intense ruby red flecked with burgundy.

**BOUQUET:** intense and elegant with floral notes of lily and a good concentration of ripe red fruit.

**FLAVOR:** strong and full-bodied with sweet tannins. Long, persistent finish.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Excellent with flavourful first courses, red meat, meat roasts, game, aged and medium-aged cheeses.



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#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

2017 was a hot and sometimes dry vintage, with limited rainfall in the summer. Spring was cool at times, typified by some late frosts in April. Fortunately, the remarkable elevation of the vineyards limited the damage within our estate. In July and August temperatures reached very high peaks. Some wet days, albeit without abundant rainfall, finally arrived at the end of September, in the final period of ripening and close to the harvest, enabling the grapes to achieve complete maturation. Despite the complexity of the climatic conditions and the relative containment of yields, 2017 can certainly be considered an interesting year, characterized by greater concentration, distinct fruity notes, a good balance between tannins and acidity and above-average structure.