



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 2019

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

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Early spring rains created treasured water reserves, vital for facing the moderately hot summer with low rainfall. Humidity during the first half of the year slightly delayed the vegetative cycle of the estate vines. September brought with it beneficial and somewhat typical climatic dynamics with no extreme heat spikes or heavy rainfall. Breezy, sun-filled days with optimal temperature variation throughout the growing season delivered grapes of sublime balance – perfectly ripe with fragrant aroma and exceptional acidity.

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.