




CASTELLO DI ALBOLA
 RADDA IN CHIANTI



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.

IL SOLATIO 2019

CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG GRAN SELEZIONE

In the heart of the Castello di Albola estate, beautifully located on a charming and sunny South-east facing steep slope known on Solatio, is a one-hectare parcel planted with Sangiovese. Altitude, which ranges from 550 to 580 metres, and a rocky soil are the key elements of Il Solatio, from which a fine Chianti Classico Gran Selezione is made. The crystal-clear class of this wine resides in its elegant aromas enhanced by rarefied spicy sensations, in its fine tannins and its neat taste, so much to qualify as the clearest expression of this vine.



APPELLATION
Chianti Classico
Gran Selezione DOCG



AREA OF PRODUCTION
Radda in Chianti, Chianti Classico



GRAPES
100% Sangiovese



HARVEST PERIOD
Early October



HARVEST
2019



HARVEST METHOD
Hand harvest

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.



PLANTING DENSITY
5.000 vines/ha



YIELD PER HECTARE
50 q/h



ALCOHOL CONTENT
13,5% vol.



SERVING TEMPERATURE
16° - 18° C



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



AGEING POTENTIAL
20 - 25 years



FIRST YEAR OF PRODUCTION
2006

SOIL TYPE

A single vineyard covering less than one hectare, aged about 20 years. It rests on a steep, rocky slope, known as Solatio for its south-eastern exposure at an altitude of 550 to 580 m; the soil is mainly formed by rock fragments - Alberese - a highly permeable soil type with low fertility levels.

TRAINING METHOD

Spurred cordon.

VINIFICATION AND AGEING

The must obtained from single-varietal Sangiovese grapes undergoes a simple, traditional wine-making process with a maceration period that lasts about 3 weeks. Once the maceration and malolactic fermentation process has come to an end, the wine is placed in Allier oak barrels to age for 14 months. This is followed by about 18 months of ageing in bottles. This special combination of soil and tradition brings out the true character of Sangiovese di Radda, a fine wine with a strong personality.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: intense ruby red flecked with burgundy.

BOUQUET: intense with hints of cherry jam, hints of spices, cinnamon, pepper and tobacco.

FLAVOR: elegant and savoury with notes of dark red berry fruit and spices. Long, persistent finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

It goes well with red meats, game and aged cheeses.