

RESTAURANT WINE

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LAMOLE DI LAMOLE, 2012 BLUE LABEL, CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$184 (\$23) ★★★★★

Terrific value. This is a fragrant, crisp, full bodied wine that is long on the palate, relatively complex in flavor (cherry, blueberry, plum, herbs, black olive), and long on the finish. Classic style. Exceptional. 80% Sangiovese, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot. Vineyard altitude 350 to 550 meters (1,150 to 1,800 feet). Aged 12 months: 6 in French oak barrels, and 6 months in oak casks. Greve in Chianti. 13.5% [2017-2019] Santa Margherita Wine Group USA, Miami, Florida 925.705.7623

LE MICCINE SOC. AGR., 2013 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$200 (\$25) ★★★★★

Exceptional: supple in texture, full bodied, crisp, and well balanced, this is a terrific Chianti Classico at the price. It is long on the palate, and lingers on the finish, tasting of blueberry, plum, red currant, pepper, and oak. Warrants modest aging. 100% Sangiovese. Aged 12+ months in French oak barrels and casks. Gaiole in Chianti. 13% [2016-2019] Satyr Picks (George Wines), New York, NY 917.684.3695

MACIAVELLI, 2012 SOLATIO DEL TANI, CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$200 (\$25) ★★★★★

Exceptional: a supple, medium rich wine with very good balance, complex flavors (blueberry, plum, toast, cedar, black currant), and a very long, lightly tannic finish. Can be aged further. 14% [2016-2019] Siena Imports, San Francisco, CA 415.285.9675

NITTARDI, 2013 BELCANTO, CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$200 (\$25)+ ★★★★★

A supple, balanced Chianti Classico of excellent quality. It is ripely flavored (cherry, red currant, plum), full bodied, moderately intense, and medium long on the finish, displaying hints of rose petal, herbs, white pepper, and oak. Great value. 90% Sangiovese, 10% other indigenous red varieties, produced from higher altitude vineyards at Nittardi (450 meters) and a southern Castellina vineyard, at 270 meters. Aged 12 months in French oak casks. Castellina in Chianti. 13% [2017-2019] Weygandt Wines, Washington, DC & Louis Gluntz, Lincolnshire, IL

NUOVA FATTORIA LORNANO SOC. AGR., 2011 LORNANO, CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$160 (\$20) ★★★★★

Fine quality and an excellent value, this is a full bodied, fairly rich wine. It has ripe fruit (plum, berry), herb, pepper, and oak overtones, and a medium long finish. Can be aged a bit. 100% Sangiovese. Vineyards at 300 meters. Aged 12 months in French oak barrels. Monteriggioni. 14.5% [2016-2018] Dark Star Imports, New York, NY & Lionstone International, Lake Forest, IL

PICCINI, 2011 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$136 (\$17) ★★★★★
Round and full bodied, this Chianti Classico is crisp on the palate, and tastes of red currant, plum, and black tea. Very good value. 90% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot. Aged 15 months in oak barrels and casks. 13% [2017-2018] Epic Wines, Santa Rosa, CA 800.568.8851

PODERE L'AJA, 2013 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$192 (\$24) ★★★★★

Supple and ripely flavored, this is an excellent wine; it is full bodied, well balanced, and long on the finish, tasting of red currant, cherry, rosehips, and light oakiness. Excellent value. Aged 12 months in Slavonian oak casks. Radda in Chianti. 13% [2017-2019]

ROCCA DI CASTAGNOLI SOC. AGR., 2013 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$176 (\$22) ★★★★★

Outstanding Chianti Classico: intensely flavored (black cherry, violet, pepper, plum), round, crisp and long on the palate, with a persistent, lightly tannic finish. Superb quality and value. Can be aged a bit. 90% Sangiovese, 10% Canaiolo and Colorino. From vineyards between 430 and 550 meters. Aged 12 months in oak barrels and 3 months in stainless steel tanks. Gaiole in Chianti. 29,116 cases. 13% [2017-2020] Regal Wine Imports, Moorestown, NJ 856.985.6388

ROCCA DI MONTEGROSSI, 2013 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$200 (\$25) ★★★★★

A rich, youthful Chianti Classico that is full bodied, intensely fruity (cassis, cherry), and long on the palate, with a firm, mildly tannic finish. Will develop with further aging. Great value. 88% Sangiovese. 8% Canaiolo, 4% Colorino. Aged 15 months in oak vats. Organic. Gaiole in Chianti. 3,575 cases. 13.17% [2017-2020] T. Edwards Wines, New, NY & K&L Wine Merchants, Redwood City, CA

SAN VINCENTI, 2012 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$176 (\$22) ★★★★★

Supple, full bodied, and intensely flavored; a fairly powerful Chianti Classico with good depth and balance, and a medium long, lightly tannic finish. In aroma/flavor, it tastes of blueberry, leather, cedar, cherry, and red currant. Can be aged a bit. 100% Sangiovese. Aged 12 months in oak casks. Gaiole in Chianti. 14% [2016-2020] Vinity Wine Company, Emeryville, CA 510.601.6010

SOC. AGR. CAROBBIO, 2012 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$176 (\$22) ★★★★★

An elegant, full bodied Chianti Classico of excellent quality. It is smooth and long on the palate, with moderate richness, good flavor (plum, blueberry, cherry, toast), and fine balance. Very long finish. Great value. 95% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot. Vineyard altitude: 310 to 350 meters. Aged 12 months in Slavonian oak casks. Panzano in Chianti (Greve in Chianti). 2,166 cases. 13% [2016-2019] American BD Co., Glen Rock, NJ 201.689.1200

SOC. AGR. ROCCA DELLE MACIE, 2013 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$176 (\$22) ★★★★★

Round and full bodied, this is a fruity, moderately intense Chianti Classico, with cherry, herb, and toast aromas/flavors, and a medium length finish. Castellina in Chianti. 13.5% [2016-2018] Palm Bay Int'l, Port Washington, NY 516.802.4700

SOC. AGR. SAN FABIANO CALCINAIA, 2013 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$168 (\$21) ★★★★★

Full bodied and both rich and complex in style; a wine with intense fruitiness (plum, red currant, blueberry) and layers of oak character (toast, vanilla, cedar). It is long on the palate, and lingering in the finish, with moderate tannic. Very fine value. 85% Sangiovese, 15% other red varieties. Vineyards at 250 meters and at 450 meters. Aged in French oak barrels and casks for 12+ months. Organic. Castellina in Chianti. 14% [2017-2021] Omniwines, Flushing, NY & Epic Wines, Santa Rosa, IL

MACHIAVELLI, 2011 VIGNA DI FONTALLE, CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, \$256 (\$32) ★★★★★+

Very fine quality, this is a stylish, full bodied Riserva with moderate depth, good balance, and moderate tannin on the finish. In aroma/flavor, it tastes of black currant, toast, herbs, plum, and cedar. Needs modest aging. 14.5% [2016-2019] Siena Imports, San Francisco, CA 415.285.9675

NITTARDI, 2013 CASANUOVA DI NITTARDI, VIGNA DOGHESSA, CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$288 (\$36) ★★★★★

A concentrated, full bodied, single vineyard wine of very fine quality. It is fleshy and rich on the palate, with good depth of fruit, light oakiness, and a firm, long finish, tasting of plum, cassis, sour cherry, black licorice, toast, and spicy oak. Very long finish. 100% Sangiovese. Aged 14 months in French oak casks. Castellina in Chianti. 13.5% [2017-2022] Weygandt Wines, Washington, DC & Louis Gluntz, Lincolnshire, IL

NUOVA FATTORIA LORNANO SOC. AGR., 2011 LORNANO, CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, \$288 (\$36) ★★★★★

Full bodied and lightly tannic, this is a round, balanced Riserva with plum, cedar, herb, and oak aromas/flavors, and medium length. Can be aged a bit. 100% Sangiovese. Vineyards at 300 meters. Aged 18 months in French oak barrels. Monteriggioni. 14% [2016-2019] Dark Star Imports, New York, NY & Lionstone International, Lake Forest, IL

PODERE CASTELLINUZZA, 2012 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$216 (\$27) ★★★★★

Fine quality and value, this is an excellent wine. It is round, full bodied, moderately rich, and finely flavored (cherry, blueberry, vanilla, red currant, spicy oak), with excellent balance and length. Can be aged a bit. 95% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo. Aged 12+ months in stainless steel tanks and cement vats. Greve in Chianti. 14% [2016-2019] Portovino, Buffalo, NY 716.406.8740

PODERE L'AJA, 2012 CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, \$280 (\$35) ★★★★★

A supple Riserva that is full bodied, quite fruity in flavor (cherry, plum), and lightly oaked; a wine with a rugged palate impression, and medium length. Can be aged further. Aged 24 months in Slavonian oak barrels. Radda in Chianti. 13.5% [2017-2021]

PRINCIPE CORSINI, LE CORTI SOC. AGR., 2013 LE CORTI, CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$224 (\$28) 2012 CORTEVECCHIA, CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, \$200/6 (\$50) ★★★★★+

Principe Corsini produces excellent wines at its San Casciano Val di Pesa estate. Generally, they are ripe in character and full bodied, with good depth of fruit and fine balance. Here the 2013 Chianti Classic is excellent: fleshy and full bodied; a wine with complex flavor, good balance, and a very long finish, tasting of plum, cassis, cherry, red currant, cedar, and spicy oak. Great value. 95% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo and Colorino. Aged 12 months, primarily in cement vats and a small part in oak barrels. 5,833 cases. 13.5% The Cortevicchia Riserva is exceptional: very supple and ripe in style, it is full bodied, medium rich, and very long on the finish, tasting of plum, pepper, blueberry, cedar, tobacco, vanilla, and oak. 95% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo and Colorino. Aged 20 months in oak barrels and casks. 916 cases. 14% Both wines warrant further aging. [2017-2021] Henriot Inc., New York, NY 212.605.6721

QUERCIA AL POGGIO, 2010 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$224 (\$28) ★★★★★

Supple in texture, full bodied, and quite rich in flavor, this is a fine Chianti Classico. It is balanced, long on the palate, and lingering in the finish, tasting of ripe fruit (plum, blueberry, sour cherry), with overtones of toast, cedar, and spicy oak 80% Sangiovese, 20% Ciliegolo, Canaiolo & Colorino. Aged 24 months in oak casks. Unfiltered. Organic. Barberino

Val d'Elsa. 5,833 cases. 14% [2016-2019] Kysela Pere et Fils, Winchester, VA 540.722.9228

ROCCA DELLE MACIE, 2011 RISERVA DI FIZZANO, CHIANTI CLASSICO GRAN SELEZIONE, \$344 (\$43) ★★★★★

A very good Gran Selezione. It is has ripe fruit character (cherry, plum), floral, spicy overtones (pepper, rose petal), and evident oakiness (cedar, toast), with a medium long, somewhat oaky finish. Warrants further aging. 5% Merlot. Castellina in Chianti. 1,750 cases. 13.5% [2016-2020] Palm Bay Int'l, Port Washington, NY 516.802.4700

ROCCA DI CASTAGNOLI SOC. AGR., 2011 POGGIO A FRATI, CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, \$264 (\$33) 2011 STIELLE, CHIANTI CLASSICO GRAN SELEZIONE, \$376 (\$47) ★★★★★+

Castagnoli produces excellent, well structured Chianti Classicos. The Riserva is medium rich, full bodied, complex in flavor (cherry, cedar, vanilla, red currant), well balanced, and crisp and long on the finish. Very fine Riserva. 95% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo. This vineyard lies at 500 meters. Aged 15 months in oak casks and 6 months in stainless steel tanks. 1,666 cases 14% The Gran Selezione is outstanding: a young, complex wine with years of development ahead. It is intensely flavored (cherry, red currant, cedar, toast, blueberry), full bodied, crisp, and very long on the palate, with a mildly tannic finish. 100% Sangiovese. From the 7.8 hectare, historic Stielle vineyard, which lies at 550 meters—among the highest in Chianti Classico. Aged 18 months in oak barrels and casks. 14.5% Gaiole in Chianti. Both wines warrant further aging. [2018-2023] Regal Wine Imports, Moorestown, NJ 856.985.6388

SAN VINCENTI, 2010 CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, \$280 (\$40) ★★★★★

Outstanding Chianti Classico Riserva: supple in texture, rich, and complex in flavor; a wine with intense blueberry jam, cherry, plum, cedar, and spicy oak aromas/flavors, and a very long, mildly tannic finish. Great value. Warrants further aging. 100% Sangiovese. Aged 24 months in oak casks. Gaiole in Chianti. 14% [2018-2024] Vinity Wine Company, Emeryville, CA 510.601.6010

SOC. AGR. CAROBBIO, 2011 CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, \$264 (\$33) ★★★★★

Superb 2011 Riserva: finely flavored, full bodied, well balanced, and very long on the palate, with a long, rich finish, tasting of blueberry jam, plum, cherry, toast, and spicy oak. Warrants further aging. 100% Sangiovese. Vineyard altitude 350 meters. Aged 18 months in French oak barrels. Greve in Chianti. 1,083 cases. 13.5% [2017-2021] American BD Co., Glen Rock, NJ 201.689.1200

SOC. AGR. CASA SOLA, 2013 CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, \$360 (\$45) ★★★★★

Round and ripely flavored, this is a fine Riserva. It is full, moderately rich, lightly oaky, and long on the finish, tasting of cassis, cherry, plum jam, toast, and spicy oak. Can be aged further. Fine value. 100% Sangiovese. Aged 18 months in oak barrels and casks. Barberino Val d'Elsa. 13.5% [2018-2022] DeGrazia Imports, Republic, MO 417.732.1668

SOC. AGR. ISOLE e OLENA, 2012 CHIANTI CLASSICO, \$224 (\$28) ★★★★★

Delicious Chianti Classico: ripely flavored, supple, and full bodied; a wine with peppery, ripe fruit character (plum, blueberry), good balance, and a long finish. Warrants modest aging. Barberino Val d'Elsa. 13.5% [2017-2020] Petit Pois, Moorestown NJ & Chambers & Chambers, San Francisco, CA

Wholesale case price (9 liter case) is listed first: \$128. Retail per bottle price is listed in parentheses: (\$16).

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- **2011 CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA SELEZIONATA, \$488 (\$61) ★★★★★**
- **2012 CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA SELEZIONATA, \$488 (\$61) ★★★★★**

Two exceptional Riservas from this historical Castellina in Chianti estate (once owned by Michelangelo, who made wine here). The 2011 is full bodied, medium rich and firmly structured; a wine with fine fruit character (blueberry, cherry, plum, rose petal, cassis, mint, sage), complex oak overtones (vanilla, toast, roasted nuts), excellent balance, and a long finish. 95% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot. Produced from the estate’s best vineyard, which lies at 500 meters. Aged 24 months in French oak casks, 30% new. 14% The 2012 is superb: suppler and slightly fuller than the 2011, it has very ripe fruit character (blackberry, plum, blueberry jam), evident complexity (spicy oak, pepper, rose petal), and a very long, mildly tannic finish. Very fine quality. Castellina in Chianti. 14% Both wines need further aging. [2019-2024] Weygandt Wines, Washington, DC & Louis Gluntz, Lincolnshire, IL

