

# Collazzi

## BASTIONI DEI COLLAZZI CHIANTI CLASSICO - 2018

REGION: ITALY - TUSCANY



## COLLAZZI

Villa Collazzi is one of the most impressive estates in all of Tuscany. This architectural landmark was originally designed by Michelangelo in 1560 for his friend, Agostino Dini. It offers commanding views of the surrounding countryside. I Collazzi is a property of the Marchi brothers, Carlo and Bona. During the last decade the Marchi brothers invested heavily in the development of Collazzi's farming business, renewing the vineyards and restructuring the cellar, with the goal of producing excellent wines.

## REVIEWS

### Bastioni Dei Collazzi Chianti Classico – 2018

**92 Points - [jamesuckling.com](http://jamesuckling.com), July, 2020**

Lots of red fruit with a lifted, aromatic character. It's medium-bodied with plenty of fruit and mineral and floral undertones. Crisp finish. Drink now.

**90 Points - [Vinous](#) - Antonio Galloni, September, 2020**

The 2018 Chianti Classico Bastioni dei Collazzi is plump, juicy and wonderfully inviting. Sweet perfumed floral accents add tons of appeal. Drink this juicy, delicious Chianti Classico over the next handful of years. 2020 – 2028

**93 Points - [Terroir Sense](#) - Ian D'Agata, October, 2021**

Made from roughly twenty year old vines, this blend of 78% Sangiovese, 18% Merlot and 2% Malvasia Nera, has done nothing but improve by leaps and bounds over the years (as have in fact all of Collazzi's wines). The estate's wines are much more graceful and lifted today than they once used to be, but in fairness Collazzi's Chianti Classico I Bastioni has been a standout ever since its first release. Not only, but of Tuscany's seemingly never-ending (because it's so long) lineup of beautiful wine estates, the Collazzi estate is in fact one of the most beautiful, designed in 1560 by none other than Michelangelo himself for Agostino Dini, a good friend. I still remember vividly when, roughly fifteen years ago in the company of Lamberto Frescobaldi while visiting and tasting from the cellar, I first leaned from the magnificent garden grounds balcony offering truly spectacular, commanding view of the surrounding countryside (though I Collazzi is a property of the Marchi brothers, Carlo and Bona, who have invested heavily in the developing and improving Collazzi, the estate has been managed for some time by Frescobaldi, a family relative).

The Collazzi 2018 Chianti Classico I Bastioni is red-ruby and bright in colour. Very inviting aromas will remind you of red and dark berries, sweet spices, flint, even a touch of black cherry marmelade, all lifted by a fragrant violet top-note. Then fine-grained and refined, with harmonious acidity nicely extending the ripe but lively flavours on the long, juicy finish. Last but certainly not least, a hint of savoriness speaks of the mostly clay-stony soil with limestone inclusions, while the gentle texture reminds one of the San Casciano Val di Pesa territory. Well done. Drinking window: now-2028.

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