



COLLAZZI TUSCANY

Villa Collazzi is one of the most impressive estates in all of Tuscany. Set atop a hill located a few miles south of Florence on the old road to Volterra, it offers commanding views of the surrounding countryside. This architectural landmark was originally designed by Michelangelo in 1560 for his friend, Agostino Dini. It features two rows of loggias above a large courtyard enclosed on three sides and open on a fourth. The building remained incomplete for centuries until it was purchased by the Marchi family in 1933.

Of the estate's 960 acres just under 50 are currently planted to vines. The soils are composed of clay, sand and rock. Well draining and low in organic matter, they offer the perfect habitat for grapes. The property is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Sangiovese, Fiano and Petit Verdot. The wines are aged primarily in new French oak barrels. The estate produces a Chianti Classico called I Bastioni, Super-Tuscan blends - Collazzi and Libertà, Otto Muri a 100% Fiano and a very small production Petit Verdot named Ferro.

Villa Collazzi is currently run by three siblings from the Marchi family – Carlo Marchi, Grazia Marchi Gazzoni Frascara and Bona Marchi Frescobaldi, The first vintage under the Collazzi label was 1999.

Since 2002 the estate has been producing "I Bastioni". It is a Chianti Classico DOCG made with the grapes harvested from 7 hectares (17 acres) of vineyard located in the adjacent town of San Casciano, grown with a south/south-western exposure, on rocky, well drained soils.

Vintage 2008 allowed I Collazzi to further improve its range of wines. With that harvest, they produced for the first time "Libertà", a blend of Merlot, Syrah and Sangiovese. Their goal was to make a wine of extraordinary balance between aromas and structure, softened by a short period of wood aging. Libertà is the ideal companion to light, savory, informal meals. It is produced with a wine making approach similar to Collazzi, Libertà is characterized by its elegance and pleasantness.

- *Villa Collazzi was designed by Michelangelo in the late 15th century*
- *Located, just south of Florence, on the northern border of the Chianti Classico zone*
- *Villa Collazzi purchased in 1933 by the Marchi Family*
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- *Run by three siblings of the Marchi family— Carlo Marchi, Grazia Marchi Gazzoni, and Frascara and Bona Marchi Frescobaldi*

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I Bastioni Chianti Classico
Toscana Rosso IGT
Libertà Toscana Rosso IGT
Otto Muri
Ferro

