



CASTELLO DI AMA
SIENA - ITALY

VIGNETO BELLAVISTA 2013

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione DOCG



				
<p>A fine red with blueberry, lemon and mineral character. Medium body, fine tannins and a fresh and very clean finish. Linear and focused. Structured. Better in a year or two but stylish now.</p>	<p>Black cherry, plum, graphite, smoke, dried Mediterranean and crushed rocks are front and center in the 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Vigneto Bellavista. Searing tannins give the 2013 much of its energy and vibrancy. A dark, brooding yet austere, mid-weight wine in the best of the Bellavista tradition, the 2013 is going to need at least a few years to come into its own. Today, the 2013 Bellavista is especially forbidding. It won't be ready to drink for a good handful of years, and even that may be optimistic.</p>	<p>Complex and inviting aromas of sweet cherry, leather and spice lead to a core of cherry and strawberry fruit, singed by tobacco and earthy, woody accents. Best from 2019 through 2028.</p>	<p>A specific 22.82-hectare terraced vineyard with 9.30 ha replanted from 1974 to 1978, and 13.52 replanted in 2007. 82% Sangiovese, 18% Malvasia Nera. Wild, almost feral nose - not tight and concentrated. Big and quite edgy and powerful. Lots of tannin currently. Marked compost notes and damp leaves.</p>	<p>It shows impeccable balance and offers a classic portrait of Sangiovese. Castello di Ama has a beautifully unique way of interpreting the potential of the Chianti Classico appellation and this wine is a prime example. The bouquet follows classic lines with wild berry and spice, but Vigneto Bellavista also boasts a wild side with some cured meat and animal-like aromas that suit it very well</p>
<p>94 <i>points</i></p>	<p>94+ <i>points</i></p>	<p>94 <i>points</i></p>	<p>16.5++ <i>points</i></p>	<p>95 <i>points</i></p>



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<p>The precision and beauty to this wine is very impressive with blueberry, blackberry and dark chocolate aromas and flavors. Medium to full body, fine tannins and a clean finish. It's tight and focused. Gorgeous. Drink or hold.</p>	<p>The 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Vigneto La Casuccia is soft, open-knit and succulent. Silky tannins wrap around a core of dark red cherry, plum, rose petal mint and sweet spices. The Casuccia is the most sensual and racy of the Ama wines today. It should drink well with minimal cellaring. Once again, the purity of the fruit is striking. The creamy, explosive finish is a thing of beauty. The second time I tasted the 2013 one word came to mind: elation.</p>	<p>A deep, complex red, this features black currant, blackberry, spice, mineral and tobacco aromas and flavors. Monolithic now, yet with a sense of elegance. The finish is long and saturated, yet this will require some time to show its best. Best from 2020 through 2035.</p>	<p>Blackish crimson. Really dramatic nose with some opulence - like glacé Sangiovese. Oo really rather gorgeous. So glamorous. Rich and chestnutty on the nose. A wonderful expression of Chianti Classico crossed with intensity. Great balance. Much more forward than San Lorenzo and Vigneto Bellavista 2013.</p>	<p>Castello di Ama excels in cooler vintages with long growing seasons for slow-ripening Sangiovese. This wine is released in limited bottle numbers and exhibits profound elegance and beauty. It is softly layered and delicate with wild berry, dried cherry and light baking spice. Vigneto la Casuccia boasts a fine level of intricate embroidery and texture.</p>
<p>95 <i>points</i></p>	<p>97 <i>points</i></p>	<p>96 <i>points</i></p>	<p>17.5 <i>points</i></p>	<p>94 <i>points</i></p>



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L'APPARITA 2013

Toscana IGT



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A gorgeous red with blackberry, cherry and blueberry character throughout. Medium body, ultra-fine tannins and a fresh finish. Vigorous and vibrant. Gorgeous pure merlot as always. Built for aging but pretty to drink now.

94

points

Antonio Galloni
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The highlight in this range, the 2013 L'Apparita is a real stunner. Deep, explosive and beautifully layered in the glass, the 2013 possesses stunning nuance. This is an especially restrained Apparita built more on finesse than power. The translucence and total sense of elegance here are both truly remarkable. This is a memorable edition for one of Tuscany's very finest wines. Layers of rich, dark fruit, spice, leather and smoke infuse the creamy, voluptuous finish. The oak needs to settle down

98

points

Wine Spectator
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Dense, with a tightly woven matrix supporting black cherry, plum, black pepper, tobacco and mineral flavors. All the components are there, but this needs time to absorb the firm, muscular tannins. Fine length. Merlot. Best from 2018 through 2030. 80 cases imported.

93

points

 **Wine Advocate**

One of Italy's most celebrated Merlots, the 2013 L'Apparita is a soft and luscious expression with dark fruit, baking spice, hickory smoke and aged mahogany. The wine does show some nagging unripe flavors of green herb or peppercorn at the back.

91

points