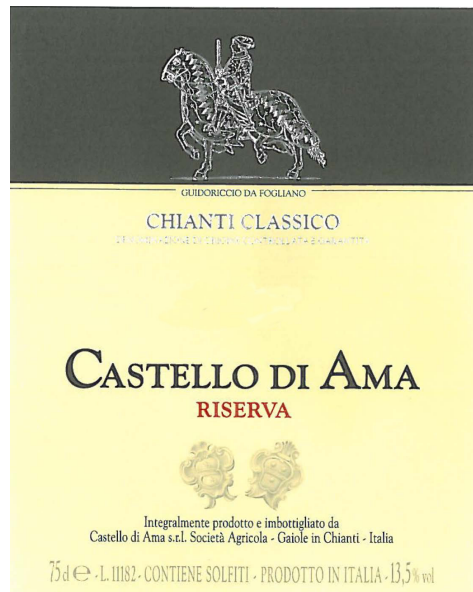


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## CASTELLO DI AMA RISERVA - 2009

REGION: ITALY - TUSCANY



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Castello di Ama was founded in 1976, and is located in Gaiole in Chianti, within the additional geographical unit of the same name (UGA), located in the heart of Tuscany. It is located about 12 miles northeast of Siena in the hills of Gaiole. This is the heart of Chianti Classico, a bucolic rolling landscape of woods, vineyards and olive groves.

The estate is currently helmed by CEO Lorenza Sebasti, a member of the second generation of one of the four founding families. Marco Pallanti, who was once the President of the Chianti Classico Consorzio, has been the winemaker and technical director at Castello di Ama since 1982.

The goal of the estate is to have each bottle of Castello di Ama express the uniqueness of the terroir, and be an authentic expression of the vintage. Ama has practiced sustainable viticulture since the end of the 1990s, and recently received *Equalitas* (Italy) certification.

## REVIEWS

### Castello di Ama Riserva – 2009

#### 90 Points - Wine Spectator, August, 2013

Presents an enticing aroma, with lush cherry, plum, underbrush and chocolate notes carrying through on the palate. Complex, this will need time for the firm tannins to be resolved. Fine length. Drink now through 2022.

#### 93 Points - Wine Enthusiast, April, 2014

Here's an elegant wine made from 80% Sangiovese and 20% Malvasia and Merlot. It opens with an alluring floral fragrance that recalls violet, rose and wild cherries. The bright palate is all about finesse, offering a core of mouthwatering black cherry spiced up with white and black pepper alongside silky but firm tannins that carry through to the finish. Editors' Choice. —K.O

#### 92 Points - © Wine Advocate, June, 2012

The 2009 Chianti Classico Riserva Castello di Ama is striking. Dark red cherries, flowers, mint, licorice and spices caress the palate in this fleshy. The radiance of the fruit is suggestive of a warm year, but the tannic profile, medium body and overall structure is more similar to that of a colder vintage. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2029.

#### 92 Points - © Wine Advocate, August, 2013

The gorgeous 2009 Chianti Classico Riserva presents a classic aromatic profile that is deeply rooted in Tuscan territory. Autumn leave, wet earth, wild mushroom and blue flower speak so eloquently through the bouquet. Polished tannins add a silky and pristine quality to the finish. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2025.

#### 91+ Points - Antonio Galloni - vinousmedia.com, August, 2013

Dark red berries, underbrush, tobacco, dried flowers all take shape in the 2009 Chianti Classico Riserva. Deep, rich and fleshy, the 2009 captures the sense of this radiant, expressive vintage. In 2009, Ama did not produce their top two selections, all of the best fruit went into this bottling.