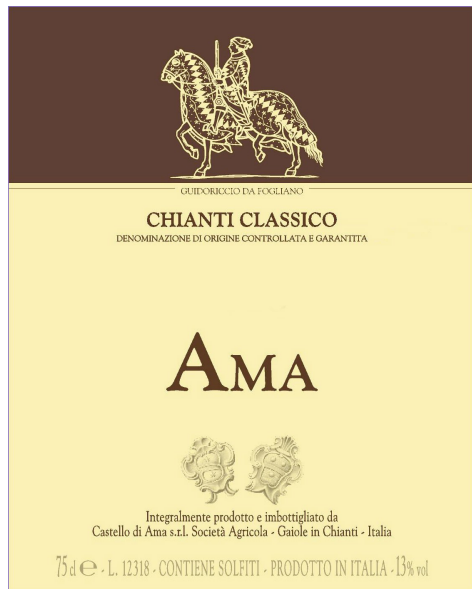


Castello di Ama

AMA CHIANTI CLASSICO - 2020

REGION: ITALY - TUSCANY



CASTELLO DI AMA

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

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93 Points - Wine Enthusiast, July, 2022

Blue flower, sandalwood, cassis and spice shape the nose on this lovely red. All about finesse and youthful tension, the savory, elegantly structured palate features juicy Morello cherry, coffee bean and star anise framed in taut, fine-grained tannins. Fresh acidity keeps it balanced and focused. Drink through 2027.

90 Points - Decanter, March, 2022

An expression of Castello di Ama's young vines – 10 to 12 years old – Ama is aged in second passage barriques. The delightfully fruity and vibrant nose exudes rose and lavender, with oak notes in the background. Plump sweet fruit on the mid-palate speaks to the modest dollop of Merlot in the blend. The tannins are velvety and polished, and the acidity is refreshing. A citrusy tang brings this near-term charmer to a close. 2022 – 2026

90 Points - Vinous - Antonio Galloni, July, 2022

The 2020 Chianti Classico Ama is a pretty, understated wine that shows the vivid side of Sangiovese in its bright, red-fleshed fruit. Medium bodied and vibrant, with brisk acids and lifted aromatics, the 2020 is a gorgeous wine to drink now and over the next 10-15 years. Ama is the estate's young-vines Chianti Classico. I loved it. 2022 – 2032

This set of new releases from Lorenza Sebasti and Marco Pallanti is the most impressive I have ever tasted here. The wines are strong across the board, while the 2019 flagship wines – La Casuccia, Bellavista and L'Apparita – are off the charts great. Pallanti has long coaxed notable intensity from these vineyards, but the 2019s add dimensions of freshness and energy that are simply breathtaking. I tasted these wines a few weeks later in my home in New York, far away from the bucolic setting of Ama, and was equally blown away.

90 Points - Wine Spectator, September, 2022

Fleshy and firm, with plum, cherry, iron and Tuscan scrub flavors. Reveals tannins, but is mouthwatering in the end. Sangiovese and Merlot. Drink now through 2027.

93 Points - jameessuckling.com, August, 2022

A fresh and composed red with blackcurrant and blueberry aromas with minerals and citrus underneath. It's medium-bodied with fine tannins and a racy, long finish. Drink or hold.

91+ Points - View From The Cellar, November, 2022

The entry level bottling of Ama Chianti Classico is made from the younger vines in the estate's vineyards. The wine is composed from a blend of ninety-six percent sangiovese and four percent merlot. The wine is aged in used barriques and comes in at 13.5 percent octane in this vintage. It offers up a beautiful bouquet of cherries, gamebird, bonfire, a touch of orange peel, fresh oregano and a lovely base of soil tones. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and complex, with an excellent core of fruit, a fair bit of ripe tannin and superb backend energy and grip on the long and still fairly youthful finish. This is approachable now with half an hour in decanter, but it is truly still a young wine and deserves at least a few years in the cellar to allow its backend tannins to soften up properly. It is an excellent Chianti! 2022 – 2045

91 Points - © Wine Advocate, February, 2023

Castello di Ama settles on a tried-and-true formula with its 2020 Chianti Classico Ama. The trick is to present the elegant side of Sangiovese (blended in this case with a touch of Merlot) while also remaining fun, accessible and easy-drinking. The 2020 vintage brings forth a bit more heat and fruit concentration, but it also shows delicate cassis, red rose and Mediterranean aromas. The tannins are gentle and the mouthfeel is streamlined. 2022 – 2026

92 Points - Wine and Spirits, April, 2023

This Chianti Classico is a crowd pleaser in the best sense. Its flavors of juicy cherry and plum are framed by fine-grained tannins and infused with vibrant salinity that makes your mouth water for roast chicken or pork tenderloin, yet it's smooth enough to drink on its own.
