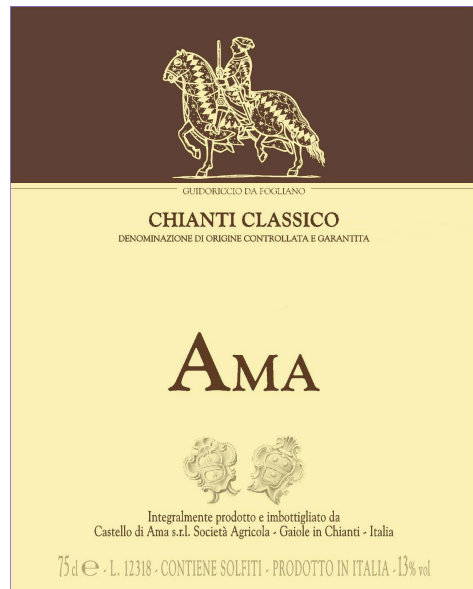


# Castello di Ama

## AMA CHIANTI CLASSICO - 2021

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

#### AMA Chianti Classico – 2021

**16+ Points - JancisRobinson.com, April, 2023**

*Gaiole. 96% Sangiovese, 4% Merlot.*

Lustrous mid crimson. Lifted, balsamic cherry fruit with hints of iron. Elegant cherry fruit with integrated, tangy acidity and grainy, long tannins that have the last word. Elegant rather than powerful though. 2023 – 2028

**90 Points - Decanter, February, 2023**

Castello di Ama's just-bottled annata features lifted aromas of violet, lilac and blood orange. Crafted with young-vine Sangiovese between 10 and 12 years old, it is padded out with a dash of Merlot which lends a touch of plushness to the streamlined, sleek red cherry fruit. The graceful palate is smoothly textured, with an appealing chalkiness on the finish. An overall lively, zesty character speaks to the northwest- to southeast-facing vineyards at cool heights of 460 to 525 metres above sea level. 2023 – 2028

**93 Points - jameessuckling.com, July, 2023**

Crushed red berries, flowers, bark and fresh mushrooms. Complex nose. Medium-bodied with fine and firm tannins that run the length of the wine. Chewy yet polished and fine. Juicy at the end with some crunchiness. Drink or hold.

**92 Points - Vinous - Antonio Galloni, August, 2023**

The 2021 Chianti Classico Ama is outrageously beautiful. Rich and sensual, with tremendous depth, the Ama shows just how important the vintage is. Readers who want to explore the house style will find a gorgeous wine with which to do that. Dark fruit, leather, spice, tobacco and menthol build in a sumptuous layered Chianti Classico that hits all the right notes. Bright acids and vibrant floral accents round out the finish. Superb. 2024 – 2026

**91 Points - Wine Spectator, August, 2023**

A bright, focused style, offering black cherry, blackberry, pomegranate and floral aromas and flavors. Taut, vibrant and balanced, with fine intensity from start to the mineral-tinged finish. Sangiovese and Merlot. Drink now through 2030.

**92 Points - View From The Cellar, November, 2023**

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 the lovely 2021 version comes in at 13.5 percent octane. It

delivers a refined and classic bouquet of red and black cherries, gamebird, a fine base of soil, woodsmoke, Tuscan herbs, coffee and a nice array of upper register spice tones. On the palate the wine is vibrant, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a fine core of fruit, impressive soil undertow, moderate tannins and lovely grip on the long and very well balanced finish. This is first class juice. 2023 – 2045

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