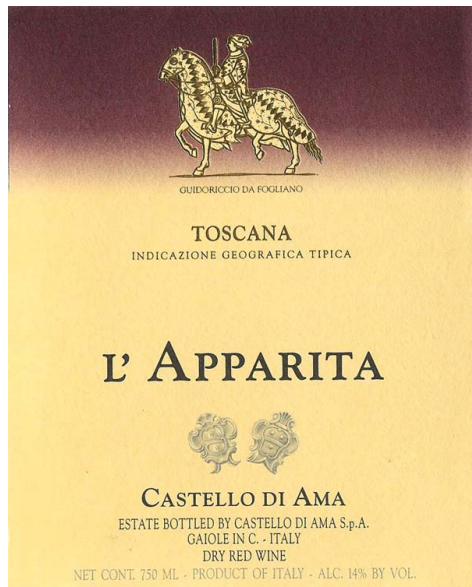


# Castello di Ama

## L'APPARITA - MERLOT - 2015

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

#### L'Apparita – Merlot – 2015

**96 Points - [jamesuckling.com](http://jamesuckling.com), September, 2018**

Aromas of black olives and violets with black fruits following through to a full body with firm and silky tannins. An intense finish. Shows linear yet strong tannins. 100% Merlot. Drink in 2020.

**94 Points - Wine Spectator, October, 2018**

A burst of cherry, plum and berry aromas and flavors is accompanied by a vibrant, uplifting structure. Firms up quickly, yet the intense fruit flavors persist and return on the lingering, tobacco- and underbrush-tinged finish. Excellent potential. Merlot. Best from 2022 through 2035. 25 cases imported.

**96 Points - © Wine Advocate, October, 2018**

It's impossible not to be completely smitten by the 2015 L'Apparita. This pure expression of Merlot from Chianti Classico is an exceedingly smooth and enriched expression with abundant tones of black cherry, spice, chocolate and barbecue smoke. The mouthfeel is gorgeous, and although this wine is not as extracted or dense as past editions, it is far more finessed and elegant. You get a clear taste not only of the grape but of the gravelly soils that make up this extraordinary territory. What could be better than Merlot and Tuscany blended together in a single bottle?