

Castello di Ama

VIGNETO LA CASUCCIA CHIANTI CLASSICO GRAN SELEZIONE - 2018



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

Vigneto La Casuccia Chianti Classico Gran Selezione – 2018

95 Points - Wine Spectator, May, 2022

This is packed with succulent blackberry, black cherry, plum, tar, iron and tobacco aromas and flavors, aligned with a base of burly tannins. Fresh and vigorous, with a lingering aftertaste of fruit, mineral and wild herbs. Sangiovese and Merlot. Best from 2024 through 2040.

97 Points - Vinous - Antonio Galloni, September, 2021

The 2018 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Vigneto La Casuccia is fabulous. A heady, opulent wine, the 2018 possesses tremendous energy to match its explosive personality. The plush fruit and soft, silky curves are pure Casuccia. The 2018 needs at least a handful of years in bottle, as it is a wine that only truly blossoms with time. 2028 – 2043

95 Points - jameessuckling.com, August, 2021

A very polished and refined bottle with creamy, velvety tannins that are poised and fine. Medium-bodied with a lovely center palate and a flavorful finish. A little tight at the end. Try after 2022 and onwards.

94 Points - Wine Enthusiast, May, 2022

All about elegance, this fragrant red opens with aromas of cedar, dark spice, coffee bean and blue flower. Linear and polished, the palate is still rather youthfully austere, featuring juicy black cherry, cassis and licorice framed in fine-grained tannins. 2026–2031

94 Points - View From The Cellar, March, 2023

La Casuccia is a smaller vineyard than the Bellavista (twelve hectares versus twenty-two), with half of the vines having been planted here in 1978 and half in 2007. The wine is treated exactly the same as the Bellavista in the cellar, with elevage done in forty percent new oak and sixty percent one wine casks for fourteen months prior to bottling. However, the cépages is a touch different, as the La Casuccia is composed of eighty percent Sangiovese and twenty percent Merlot. The wine's aromatic constellation is excellent, wafting from the glass in a black fruity mix of dark berries, black cherries, cigar ash, dark soil tones, fresh oregano, coffee bean and cedary oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full bodied and a touch more plush on the attack than the Bellavista, with an excellent core of fruit, firm, ripe tannins and fine focus and grip on the long, complex and very well-balanced finish. This does not quite have the same bounce of acidity as the Bellavista, no doubt due to the difference in cépages, but it is equally structured and will need approximately

the same amount of bottle age before it really starts to drink with generosity.
The wine is excellent. 2031 – 2075
