

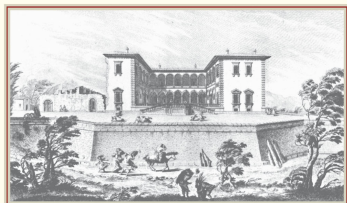
Collazzi

COLLAZZI TOSCANA IGT - 2015



REGION: ITALY - TUSCANY

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Villa Collazzi is one of the most impressive estates in all of Tuscany. This architectural landmark was originally designed by Michelangelo in 1560 for his friend, Agostino Dini. It offers commanding views of the surrounding countryside. I Collazzi is a property of the Marchi brothers, Carlo and Bona. During the last decade the Marchi brothers invested heavily in the development of Collazzi's farming business, renewing the vineyards and restructuring the cellar, with the goal of producing excellent wines. Collazzi produces grapes from this esteemed estate only; a super-Tuscan blend called Collazzi, Chianti Classico named Bastioni, and a select few additional bottlings.

GRAPES / SOILS

Cabernet Sauvignon (50%), Merlot (20%), Cabernet Franc (25%), Petit Verdot (5%)	18 years average in 2015	Clay rich in limestone, abundantly rocky	14.82 acres
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THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Toscana Rosso IGT Tenuta I Collazzi's flagship wine was first produced in 1999; the grapes are all picked from our estate vineyards. The blend is made up of four varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, all hand-harvested into small boxes and fermented separately. In the cellar the individual berries are examined by hand on a sorting table to eliminate even the smallest foreign matter, such as damaged grapes and leaf fragments. Fermentation in small, stainless steel tanks at 79-86°F is followed by maceration on the skins for about 18 days. Malolactic fermentation is mainly in oak, as is subsequent ageing, which lasts 18 months; the barriques may be new or even once-used, as it is important to prevent the oak from overpowering the fruit. Before release, the wine is bottle-aged for a further 12 months. The elegance and complex aromatic profile of the Cabernet Sauvignon and the Cabernet Franc blend with the opulence of the Merlot and the intensity of the Petit Verdot to create a magnificent wine.

- Size of Vineyard (acres): 14.82
- Soil Composition: Sandy and clay soils, rich in limestone, with an abundantly rocky texture
- Training Method: Spurred cordon
- Elevation (feet): 590 ft. above sea level
- Vines/acre: 2,477 vine per acres
- Yield/acres (tons): 1.7 tons
- Exposure: South/West
- Year Vineyard Planted: 1996
- First Vintage of this Wine: 1999
- Number of bottles produced of this wine: 21,800

Harvest Notes

- Harvest Time: Mid-September to mid-October
- Aging container: Oak barrel
- Size of Aging Containers: 225 lt
- Age of Ageing Containers: In barrique, 60% new and 40% 1 year old
- Cooperage: French
- Length of Aging Before Bottling: 18 months
- Length of Bottle Ageing: 10 months
- Fermentation Container: Stainless Steel Vats
- Length of Alcoholic Fermentation (days): 20
- Fermentation Temperature (°F): 80

Winemaker's Notes

The elegance and aromatic complexity of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, together with the opulence of Merlot and the intensity of Petit Verdot, are the main characteristics of this magnificent wine.

- Deep red, with shade of purple.
- Pervasive balsamic notes are accompanied by hints of ripe dark, black fruit and flowers in a perfect aromatic balance.
 - Long silky and caressing, black truffles with lovely variegated complex sensations.
 - The finish is endless, elegant.
 - A master in balance.
 - The wine's structure demands combinations with red meats, such as steak, filet, grilled vegetables, and cheese.

Technical Information

- Alcohol: 14.5%
- pH level: 3.4
- Acidity: 5.5 Tartaric Acid
- Dry Extract: 35.4

REVIEWS

Collazzi Toscana IGT – 2015

92 Points - © Wine Advocate, October, 2017

A blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot, the 2015 Collazzi is a dark and impenetrable red wine that sits heavily in the glass, emitting pulses of power, brawn and unmistakable determination. The bouquet is compact and thickly layered with smoke, tobacco, black fruit, prune, blackberry preserves and campfire ash. You get it all with this opulent barrique-aged Tuscan blend. The finish is enriched, extracted and smooth. Those firm tannins are neatly folded in at the back of this bold Tuscan red.

94 Points - jamesuckling.com, September, 2018

The aromas of tar, blackberries, blackcurrants and licorice are impressive. Full-bodied, layered and juicy with lots of fruit and ripe tannins. A long and flavorful finish. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and

Petit Verdot. Give it time to mellow. Better in 2020.

GENERAL INFO

Country	Italy
Region	Tuscany
Appellation(s)	Chianti Classico
Proprietors	Carlo and Bona Marchi (brothers)
Founded	1935
Winemaker	Alberto Torelli
Annual Production	12,000 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable