Castello di Ama

WINERY OF THE YEAR

Led by Lorenza Sebasti and Marco Pallanti, Castello di Ama has been a reference-point estate in Chianti Classico for several decades. Ama was among the first to bottle vineyard-designate Chianti Classico, and an early leader in elevating quality throughout the region. The wines have always been on the richer side texturally, which makes them quite appealing in the early going, but they have also proven to age exceptionally well. A quick look at our database shows several verticals, including a report on the 100% Merlot L'Apparita and another on the Chianti Classico Bellavista. In recent years, Pallanti has backed off extractions, started doing less saignée and reduced the impact of oak. The results are nothing short of breathtaking. I was blown away by the wines I tasted this past June during my annual visit. Every wine was so precise, so outstanding. Some were utterly profound. Even after all these years, Castello di Ama remains rooted in the values of passion, ambition and hard work that starts in the vineyard. Bravi!

—Antonio Galloni, Dec., 2025

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