



CASTELLO di GABBIANO

ESTABLISHED 1124

Bellezza Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione

ANNATA	PUNTEGGIO	RIVISTA	RECENSIONE
2013	91	WINE ENTHUSIAST	“Made entirely with Sangiovese, this opens with aromas of black plum, vanilla, eucalyptus and a touch of ginger. The savory, balanced palate doles out ripe black cherry, licorice, white pepper and cedar alongside fine-grained tannins.” K.O.
	91	VINOUS	“Plenty of new wood at the moment with berry and chocolate undertones. Full body, round and juicy tannins and a flavorful finish. A little overdone but still outstanding.”
	92	JAMES SUCKLING	“The 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Bellezza (100% Sangiovese) is the belle of the ball among this group of new releases. The wine offers bright intensity with a direct and honest delivery. The bouquet peels back to show wild fruit, balsam herb, cola and moist chewing tobacco. As the wine warms in the glass, it delivers more rosemary-like intensity that adds to the brightness and the direct appeal of the wine.” M.L.
	91	ROBERT PARKER	“..... Cette Bellezza est pure sangiovese, la meilleure Bellezza en années, classique pour rappeler il y a plusieurs années, mais un vin très moderne. C’est la situation de Gabbiano et la prédilection pour annoncer ce que Gran Selezione signifie en un mot, bravo. Vous pourriez en boire maintenant de plus en plus de 25 ans”
	93	MICHAEL GODEL	“Mature ruby red colour. Complex and developed nose with fine oak, mild spices like clove and sweet pepper with dark cherry and red berries. The palate is dense with good extraction, integrated tannin and acidity, juicy fruit, some complex spiciness, layered and long finish with ripe fruit flavours.”
	91	ANDREAS LARSSON	“A selection of grapes from a particularly beautiful single vineyard (belleza means beauty). This is aged in 60% barriques, 30% new, and as of 2013, the remainder is aged in botti made from local Tuscan oak called Roverella. Notes of vanilla, cherry and eucalyptus emerge first, followed by tobacco and plum. Supple, plush fruit is neatly girdled by chewy tannins on the palate. A flattering crowd pleaser. Drinking Window 2018 – 2026 “ M.Morris
	90	DECANTER	

"Rubino tendente al granato. Ricco di note di frutta, mostra nel timbro balsamico e minerale una certa classe. Sorso teso e trama"

4GRAPPOLI

BIBENDA

"Profumi complessi e articolati su note terziarie di tabacco e humus; in bocca è fresco, ordinato, arioso e continuo, ben stilizzato ed elegante, leggermente boisé nel finale

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LUCA MARONI

"Rubino trasparente. Esordio olfattivo dettato da aromi di ciliegia, arancia sanguinella e glicine, cui succedono sentori di liquirizia, resina di pino, origano e gelatina di mirtili. Il sorso è ampio e ben costruito nella sua impalcatura tannico-glicerica, compatto e scattante, con lungo finale fruttato che sfuma in una piacevole scia di sapidità ..."

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ERNESTO GENTILI

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VITAE

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WEINWIRTSCHAFT

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WINEENTHUSIAST

Editors' Choice

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JAMESSUCKLING.COM

"Fruchtig-würzige Nase, verbunden mit reifen Aromen von Rum und Madeira, Kirsche, Pflaumen, Nougat, dicht, komplex mit Tannin-und Säurespiel"

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VINOUS

"Baked plum, Asian spice, vanilla and menthol aromas carry the nose. The elegantly structured palate offers fleshy black cherry, licorice, mint and well-integrated French oak alongside fine-grained tannins that lend firm, polished support. A coffee note marks the finish." by Kerin O'keefe

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NATALIEMACLEAN.COM

"A wine with a wonderful depth of fruit but slightly marked by the new wood. Full body, round and silky tannins and a medium finish. This needs two or three years to come together in the bottle. A solid red.

"The 2012 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Bellezza is plump, juicy and expressive. Succulent red cherries, plums, sweet spices, leather and smoke flesh out nicely in the glass. The aromatics are slightly forward, which leads me to believe the 2012 will not be a long-term ager. Still, today the Bellezza is attractive and immediate, both qualities that make it an excellent choice for near term drinking."

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JAMESSUCKLING.COM

"Here's a knock-out Italian red that is at once robust and flavourful yet ultra-smooth and refined. All the elements have come together in this wine including a spectacular vintage. Aromas of dark fruit and smoke. Pair with rare steak."

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NATALIEMACLEAN.COM

"Wonderful aromas of dried berries, black pepper and spices. Full body with firm, silky tannins and a fresh,

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clean, tangy, fruity finish. Hints of walnut and smoky oak. Drink now.”

“Full-bodied and supple with incredible concentration, depth and complexity. Elegantly balanced with a long finish. Notes of sun-dried tomatoes, dark tart cherry and earth. Just enough acidity to handle dishes with tomato sauce.”

2010	Gold-Diplom	EXPOVINA		
	90	WINESPECTATOR	Bruce Sanderson “Black cherry and black - berry flavors are framed by vanilla and toast in this polished red, whose finish is fresh and long, though the tannins still need time to integrate. Best from 2015 through 2024” – B.S.	
	90	JAMESSUCKLING.COM	“This is a full-bodied red with lots of ripe fruit and loads of toasted oak character. Possibly a little too much new wood but it should come together nicely with a few more years of bottle age. Try in 2015”.	
	89	VINOUS	Antonio Galloni “The estate’s 2010 Chianti Classico Riserva Bellezza (100% Sangiovese) is darker and richer than the straight Riserva, but not materially better or more complex in my view. If anything, the greater use of French oak is a bit distracting, given that the dark red, plummy fruit is so attractive in this vintage. Hints of mocha and sweet spices add texture on the close.”	
	90	NATALIEMACLEAN.COM	“Full-bodied Italian red wine with dark fruit, smoke and spice.”	
	90	GUIDA ORO I Vini di Veronelli - Daniel Thomases		
2009		91	WINEENTHUSIAST	“With fruit selected from a single-vineyard site, this riserva does a nice job of portraying a fresh cherry flavor within an elaborate framework of oak spice, leather and tobacco notes. The wine is propped up by tight wood-derived tannins, which gives it a firm structure. It could use a few more years of cellar aging” by Monica Larner
	SILVER AWARD	DECANTER ASIA WINE AWARDS 2012		“Very rich and oaky with chocolate, ripe fruit and smoky notes. Very modern in style, well developed and showing finesse”
	4 GRAPPOLI	BIBENDA 2013		“Rubino dall’ unghia sfumata, dona profumi di grande intensità. Toni di ciliegia in confettura, lamponi, tabacco scuro, viola, cuoio, fumo, pietra focaia, e una marcata nota boisé . Palato di assoluta rispondenza, avvolgente, ben sapido, con tannini misurati e ricco finale su toni da torrefazione.”
		90	THE TASTING PANEL	Anthony Dias Blue “Smooth, lush and elegant with bright, tangy plum and ripe berry fruit; good depth, supple and refined with lovely texture and long,

			seamless flavors of fruit, spice and wood; complete and quite lovely.”
	92	TASTED Journal (A. Larsson, M. del Monego)	“Medium deep, ruby red, high viscosity and a watery rim; the nose offers some new oak, vanilla and mocha, although well integrated with attractive fruit - dark cherry, blackcurrant and plum; the palate has good weight, volume and juicy dark fruit, fine spices, elegant oak, mellow acidity and long, warm finish. AL 92
			Dark, purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Distinct oak influence on the nose, quite modern style, mature fruit, intense spiciness and roasted aromas. On the palate well balanced with a certain opulence, fleshy with good length. MdM92
2008	87	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI ITALIANI LUCA MARONI	“Di gran classe la sua speziatura, morbido al gusto, assai bilanciato nelle sue fondamentali doti...”
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	89	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	92	JAMES SUCKLING	“Beautiful fruit on the nose, with plums and dark berries as well as bitter chocolate. Full body, with plenty of fruit and spices. Loads of new wood, but doesn’t bother me. Will come together with time. Big improvement here. Best after 2012.”
	92	WINEENTHUSIAST	“Bellezza is now labeled Chianti Classico (through 2007 it was labeled only as Toscana), based on Sangiovese grapes that deliver aromas of cherry, toasted almond, chocolate, rum cake and exotic spice. The wine is long, fresh and intense in the mouth and would pair well with steak and grilled porcini mushrooms.” ML
2007	85	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI ITALIANI LUCA MARONI	“...potente, carnoso, tramosamente tannico...”
	Grappoli 3	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	88	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	SILVER	IWC 2011	
	BRONZE	IWSC 2011	
	BRONZE	DECANTER 2011	
2006	84	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D’ITALIA LUCA MARONI Punteggio 84	

	Grappoli 3	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Bicchieri 2* (*passato selezione 3 bicchieri)	VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO	
	15,5	I VINI D'ITALIA L'ESPRESSO	
	87 2 stelle	I Vini di VERONELLI	
	BRONZE MEDAL	DECANTER 2010	"Bitter cherry and strawberry with prominent oak and lovely balsamic notes. Pure and clean mint flavours on the finish"
	91	WINEENTHUSIAST 2011	Bellezza is indeed a beautiful expression of Sangiovese (aged in oak) that peels back layer after layer with cherry, spice, leather and tobacco aromas. The fruit-driven finish is long, smooth and satisfying. – M.L.
2005	85	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Bicchieri 2	VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO	
	16	I VINI D'ITALIA L'ESPRESSO	
	88	I Vini di VERONELLI	
	88	WINE SPECTATOR web 2010	"Fresh leather, with ripe cherry on the nose, follows through to a medium body. A slightly woody palate features some berry character. Racy. Sangiovese. Best from 2010 through 2015." JS
	88	WINEENTHUSIAST January 2009	"Bellezza (100% Sangiovese that ages 16 months in oak) is a modern and succulent wine with a supple feel and very good density. Generous layers of spice, black pepper and wet earth back aromas of black currant and cherry. Drink this wine with stewed meats and potatoes au gratin"
	SILVER 'Best in Class'	IWSC 2009	
	COMMENDED 2005 Bellezza	DECANTER 2009	
	"MENZIONE SPECIALE"	VIII SELEZIONE VINI DI TOSCANA	

2004	83	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Bicchieri 2	VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO	
	14,5	I VINI D'ITALIA L'ESPRESSO	
	89	I Vini di VERONELLI	
	81	WINE SPECTATOR web 2008	
2003	81	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Bicchieri 1	VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO	
	15	I VINI D'ITALIA L'ESPRESSO	
	89 2 stelle	I Vini di VERONELLI	
2001	80	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Bicchieri 2* (*passato selezione 3 bicchieri)	VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO	
	14,5	I VINI D'ITALIA L'ESPRESSO	
	91	WINE SPECTATOR – October 31, 2005	“Gorgeous blackberry and cherries on the nose follow to a full-bodied palate, with soft, silky tannins. Long finish. What a turn around here. Sangiovese. Drink now.” JS
2000	78	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	

	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	14,5	I VINI D'ITALIA L'ESPRESSO	
	88	I Vini di VERONELLI	
	86	WINEENTHUSIAST - January 2006	"A lot of sawmill is present up front, but behind the loud oak there's plum, raisin and some herbal leafiness. Attentive red fruit carries the palate, backed by a quick but clean finish that splits out the side doors. A bit gritty but will work with food"
	87	WINE SPECTATOR - October 31, 2004	"Aromas and flavors of toasted oak with ripe fruit...has lots of character. Full-bodied, with soft, round tannins."
	Bronze Award	IWSC	
	Approval Seal	IWC	
		DECANTER	
1999	77	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 3	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	13,5	I VINI D'ITALIA L'ESPRESSO	
	86	I Vini di VERONELLI	
	86	WINEENTHUSIAST - January 2004	"Hints of mint, licorice and cedar precede grassy, leathery aromas. The palate on this Sangiovese is simple and slightly woody, with raspberry and strawberry notes. Finishes a bit thin and drying, with notes of oak and vanilla."
	84	WINE SPECTATOR - October 31, 2003	"Elegant and refined, with berry, plum and vanilla character. Light- to medium-bodied, with fresh acidity and a vanilla finish. Slightly too much wood. Sangiovese. Drink now." JS
	Exceptional	DAN BERGER'S VINTAGE EXPERIENCES - March 6, 2003	"More subtle in approach than the prior wine (Alleanza), but with deep well-aged herb and tomato notes, oak on the finish and a silky yet still tart aftertaste."
1997	75	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	14	I VINI D'ITALIA L'ESPRESSO	

“This 100% Sangiovese has sharp berry, leather and chocolate aromas, raspberry and strawberry flavors, and a lean, oaky yet fresh finish. Modest tannins work to spread the wine out, and the fruit, while thin and fading, seems ripe and not green”