



CASTELLO di GABBIANO

ESTABLISHED 1124

## Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva

ANNATA	PUNTEGGIO	RIVISTA	RECENSIONE
2014	90	VINOUS	"The 2014 Chianti Classico Riserva is a very pretty wine. Sweet tobacco, leather, spice, menthol and dried black cherry notes suggest that it won't be an especially long-lived Riserva, and the slightly forward aromas and flavors result in an open-knit, expressive wine that is ready to drink now."
	90	MICHAEL GODEL	"C'est le CCR de la luminosité sanglante répond à la prise ferme '14. La fraîcheur variétale est préservée dans la mesure où les millésimes précédents ne l'étaient pas. Encore une fois, cette année en cours est mise en évidence, avant même de savoir les mains et les esprits pensants. Le potentiel de vieillissement ici est excellent. Boisson 2018-2029. Testé en février 2017
	4GRAPPOLI	BIBENDA 2018	"Rubino splendente. Ha carattere mediterraneo, con profumi di frutti di bosco, aliti balsamici, arancia e viola. Succoso e saldo"
	3VITI	VITAE	"Rosso rubino lucente. Profumi tenui iniziali ma nitidi di ciliegia fresca, sottobosco, nepitella e pepe nero. In bocca è ordinato, sapido, aristocratico, con un attacco tannico armonioso. Finale fruttato e speziato..."
	89	JAMESSUCKLING.COM	"The new wood is showing quite a bit now underlining the cherry with vanilla character. Medium body, medium tannins and a fresh finish."
2013	92	WINE SPECTATOR	"A lean, firmly structured style, saturated with cherry, currant, almond and salty mineral notes. This feels almost as if the palate is compressed, squeezing out the

fruit and mineral flavors on the long finish. Best from 2021 through 2033” BS

91 JAMESSUCKLING.COM

“Subtle aromas and flavors of shaved chocolate, dried berry and spice. Medium body, silky tannins and savory fruit character. Drink now.”

93 ROBERT WHITLEY

“Castello di Gabbiano 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG – This Tuscan property has been on a roll with recent vintages, so the 2013 is just one in a string of successes. The Riserva exhibits excellent structure, good weight on the palate and firm acidity. On the nose, the wine shows notes of dried herbs and spice, which carry through to the palate. Aromas of black cherry and earthy forest floor dominate. The finish shows intensity and uncommon length. Drink now, or wait another three to five years, when it will be approaching its peak.”

92 NATALIE MACLEAN

“A vibrant, racy, smooth, full-bodied Chianti Reserva with great typicity of the region and terroir. Aromas of earth, smoke and dried black fruit. Mouth-watering and juicy. Pair with tomato-based meat sauces.”

SILVER SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETION

89 WINE ENTHUSIAST

“Aromas of ripe black-skinned fruit, sunbaked earth and tobacco lead the nose. The ripe palate delivers dried black cherry, star anise and a hint of mocha while fine-grained tannins give it a firm finish.” K.O.

2012



PLATINUM

95 ROBERT WHITLEY

“ This winery was one of the first to embrace the renaissance in quality that lifted the Chianti region to world-class levels a few decades back. Over the past 20 years Gabbiano’s wines have improved steadily, delivering a combination of elegance, purity and value at the same time. The 2012 Riserva exhibits all of that, with notes of black cherry, dried herbs and spice. The firm structure suggests this is a Chianti that will develop and improve over time, as well. A Platinum award-winner at the 2017 Critics Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition”.

92 JAMESSUCKLING.COM

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“Aromas of dried cherry, blueberry and citrus character. Full body, citrus peel

	Gold Medal	LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS	and firm, silky tannins. Plenty of fruit. Flavorful.”
2011	92	JAMESSUCKLING.COM	“Excellent red with layers of subtle fruit, toasted oak, mushroom and truffles. Full body with firm, racy tannins and a long, flavorful finish. A solid example of a riserva Chianti Classico with lovely balance and structure. Drink now.”
	Best of Show 2016: Best Rich Red Wine 2016	Vancouver	“Bold and powerful, these reds are loaded with flavour, emphatic tannins, and rich body. Best in a big-bowled glass with robust food: stir-fried beef or steak tartare.” By DJ Kearney
	89	WINEENTHUSIAST	“A full-bodied mix of Sangiovese and 5% Merlot, this offers aromas of ripe dark-skinned fruit, dark cooking spice, menthol and tobacco. On the firm, forward palate, notes of clove, peppercorn and anise accent the core of dried black cherry. Assertive, fine-grained tannins provide the framework.”
2010	90	VINOUS	Antonio Galloni “Plums, dark cherries, tobacco, menthol, sage and underbrush all flesh out in the 2010 Chianti Classico Riserva. A deep yet focused wine, the Riserva stands out for its textural depth, persistence and terrific overall balance. Sweet floral notes add lift on the finish. This is one of the best wines I have tasted from Gabbiano in some time.”
	90	WINEENTHUSIAST	“This shows plum and coffee aromas along with toasted notes of well-integrated oak. The palate delivers black cherry flavor along with white pepper and cinnamon spice. Let this age a few more years to develop additional complexity.” K.O.
	90	JAMESSUCKLING.COM	“This is delicious and shows the delicacy and balance of a solid Chianti Classico. Medium to full body, fine tannins and a fresh, fruity and tangy aftertaste. Some pretty orange peel undertones too. Drink now”.
	88	WINESPECTATOR	Bruce Sanderson “A firm, dense red, defined by beety tannins. The cherry, raspberry and briar flavors remain persistent and juicy at the core. Best from 2015 through 2025”—B.S.

	89	I VINI di VERONELLI D. Thomases	
2009	Bicchieri 2* (*passato selezione 3 bicchieri)	VINI D'ITALIA 2013 DEL GAMBERO ROSSO	"Solido e non privo di personalità, dagli aromi intensi e maturi e dalla bocca succosa e ben ritmata."
	4 GRAPPOLI	BIBENDA 2013	"Rubino dai bagliori granati. Al naso aromi succosi, spicca la visciola, note di marasca, rosa appassita, cuoio, tabacco biondo, pepe, e un'appropriata vena balsamica. Espressivo, con tannini ben estratti e viva acidità. chiude con toni di spezie dolci"
	89	WWW.ROBERTPARKER.COM	"The 2009 Chianti Classico Riserva is a terrific wine for the money. Dark cherries, plums, tobacco, leather and licorice all flow from this juicy, plush Chianti. Layers of fruit meld together nicely through to the pliant, round finish. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2015." AG
	92	WineSpectator B.S. (October 31st issue)	
	92	WWW.JAMESSUCKLING.COM	"Complex and complete red with spices, cinnamon, and dried fruits. Full body, with well-integrated tannins and a clean finish. This is really well done for Gabbiano. Drink now"
	PLATINUM MEDAL	2013 CRITICS CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION	
	Gold Medal	2013 SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION	
	89 GOLD DIPLOM	EXPOVINA	
	BRONZE AWARD	DECANTER ASIA WINE AWARDS 2012	"Nice floral nose of rose and violets with a palate of plums, blackberries and green pepper hints."
	2008	84	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI ITALIANI LUCA MARONI
Grappoli 4		DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
88		I VINI DI VERONELLI	

2007	90	WINEENTHUSIAST	"This beautiful wine is polished and bright, with fresh berry notes backed by white almond, leather, moist tobacco and crème de cassis. It's medium bodied, which makes this ruby red wine particularly well-suited to pair with your favorite meat dishes." M.L.
	90	JAMES SUCKLING	"A balanced and fruity red, with plum, berry and hints of chocolate and cedar. Full and silky textured. Delicious now" JS
	87	ROBERTPARKER	"Castello di Gabbiano's 2008 Chianti Classico Riserva emerges from the glass with a powerful personality. Dark fruit, menthol, minerals and sweet spices flow effortlessly from this intense, full-bodied Chianti. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023" -AG
	84	WINESPECTATOR	"A modern style, with new oak adding vanilla, spice and a veneer over the blackberry and plum notes. The wood is a bit dominant, showing as dry tannins on the finish. Drink now through 2016." _BS
	86	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI ITALIANI LUCA MARONI	"...fra i più a punto del millesimo quanto a suadenza e morbidezza palatale"
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Bicchieri 2	GAMBERO ROSSO VINI D'ITALIA	"Toni fruttati maturi, di confettura di more e prugne, cenni floreali secchi ed erbe aromatiche succosità per un finale saporito e prolungato."
	89	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	90	WINESPECTATOR 2010	"A rich, full red, with lots of light toasty oak, chocolate and dried fruits. There's excellent length and depth of fruit to this. Impressive. Best from 2011 through 2015. -JS."
	89,60 GOLD DIPLOM	EXPOVINA 2010	
	RICONOSCIMENTO VINI ECCELLENTI d'ITALIA	GUIDA TAVOLA&GUSTO 2010	
	GOLD	BERLINER WEIN TROPHY 2011	
	GOLD 'Best in Class'	IWSC 2011	

	90	GLOBE AND MAIL SCORE	“Big cherry, chocolate and mineral flavours play on a teeter totter of dry tannins and mouthwatering acidity. This represents great value in a Chianti riserva. It could improve with five years in the cellar.” 2011, 17th June, Beppi Crosariol
2006	82	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	3 Grappoli	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	2 Bicchieri	VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO	
	15/20	L'ESPRESSO I VINI D'ITALIA	
	90 3 stelle	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	87	WINESPECTATOR January	“Aromas of plum and dried cherry, with hints of flowers, follow through to a medium body, with fine tannins and a fresh, fruity aftertaste. A clean, traditional, no-nonsense Chianti Classico.”
	89	WINE ENTHUSIAST 2011	Aged in a combination of French barrique and larger oak casks, this Riserva Chianti Classico delivers typical Sangiovese aromas of red berry, violets and wet earth followed by tight freshness and some grittiness in the mouth. — M.L.
2005	82	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	Che esuberanza carnosa e tannica mostra il frutto del Chianti Classico Riserva 2005
	3 Grappoli	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	1 Bicchiere	VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO	
	16/20	L'ESPRESSO I VINI D'ITALIA	
	87 2 stelle	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	84	WINESPECTATOR 15 October, 2008	“Medium-bodied, with plum, berry and mineral character. This has a rather simple palate, but it's clean and quaffable.”

	87	WINE ENTHOUSIAST 1 May, 2009	Here's a lean, compact and traditional Riserva Chianti Classico with delicate aromas of wild berry, almond skin and violets. The structure is thin and lightweight, yet the wine closes with a much-needed burst of fresh acidity.
	BRONZE	DECANTER 2009	
	5 stelle	BUSINESS WEEK – WOW (Wine of the Week by Nick Passmore) , April 30, 2009	“Gabbiano Gets It Right” Made from pure sangiovese grapes, the 2005 Chianti Classico Riserva Castello di Gabbiano is a sheer delight that's priced right . It is absolutely à point at the moment—the perfect balance of fruit and oak and soft, easy tannins. It's fresh and vibrant with the charming exuberance of sangiovese, but rounded out with intriguing hints of earth and smoke that make me think of Tuscan truffles and cinghiale, and dusty roads in summer lined with poplar trees.
	90	WINEREVIEW ONLINE By Gerald D. Boyd , 2008	“This top-of-the-line Sangiovese got full-court treatment: tank fermentation, maceration, daily pump-overs, malolactic fermentation, and aging for 20 months in French and Slovenian oak casks and French oak barrels. More forward with a deeper nose of black fruits and traces of anise and black pepper than Gabbiano's Chianti Classico, the Riserva fills the mouth with layered, bright fruit flavors and firm tannins, finishing with plenty of fruit and length and 13.5% alcohol. This flagship Chianti shows more depth and complexity and will age nicely for at least five more years”
2004	82	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	2 Bicchieri	VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO	
	3 Grappoli	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	88 2 stelle	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	91	THE WINE NEWS Marguerite Thomas – March 4, 2008	The Grapes from Gabbiano's historic Chianti Classico vineyards — some of the vines are over 30 years old — have yielded another vintage that is, well, pretty classic Classico, with rich ruby

			color and a spicy aroma loaded with black pepper, licorice/dry fennel. That spiciness, especially the fennel, carries all the way through a long satisfying finish. The wine is generous and chewy without being overwhelmingly dense, which is one reason why it's such a good food wine. No surprise that it marries well with tomato-based sauces and other typical Italian fare, but the wine's balance is so finely tuned that it pairs well with a number of dishes you might not necessarily think of — I had it recently with grilled sea bass, for example, which was an unexpectedly felicitous match.”
	84	WINESPECTATOR 31 October, 2007	
	89	WINE ENTHOUSIAST March, 2008	Dark ruby with a burgundy-brown hue to its color, this wine seems older than it is and should be consumed within the next two years. However, that graceful aging process has imparted compelling aromas of black licorice, tar, dried lavender and roasted nuts over a bright, spicy finish. This wine is not overtly intense but it does play the elegance card well.
2003	2 Bicchieri	VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO	
	3 Grappoli	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	82	GUIDA DEI VINI ITALIANI LUCA MARONI	
	83	WINESPECTATOR Web 2006	
2001	2 BICCHIERI BLU (passa la selezione per i tre bicchieri)	VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO	La Riserva '01 appare di un bel colore rubino, con note terziarie al naso, di tabacco e pelliccia, alle quali si uniscono gentili aromi fruttati. Al palato si coglie un buon equilibrio generale, con la parte tannica che si amalgama perfettamente a quella alcolica. Finale rilassato, in crescendo gustativo.
	4 Grappoli	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	14,5/20	L'ESPRESSO I VINI D'ITALIA	
	87	I VINI DI VERONELLI	

	2 stelle		
	92	WINE NEWS October/November 2004	“An inviting bouquet of sweet tobacco, tea, pencil and glove leather. Juicy and sweet with clove, black cherry and tea flavors. Lengthy, fruit-driven finish with well-integrated tannins and a slight, citrus-like bite.”
	3 stars BEST BUY	WINE INVESTOR’S BUYING GUIDE October 2004	“The aroma suggests the forest floor to which cherries and raspberries have been added. These are complemented by pepper, anise, cinnamon and tobacco. A delightful melange of flavors and a rustic texture.”
		WINE SKINNY.COM August/September 2004	“Deep red berry fruit, violet and spice aromas and flavors, picking up accents of tobacco and creamy milk chocolate...Yummy! And a good value, too.”
	86	WINESPECTATOR 31 October, 2004	“Pretty floral and earthy mineral aromas follow through to a fresh, medium-bodied palate, with firm tannins and a fresh finish....delicious.”
	GOLD	CRITICS CHALLENGE WINE COMPETITION 2004 edition CRITICS	
2000	86	WINE SPECTATOR 30 September 2003	“Clean and fruity. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a fresh finish. Lovely.”
		NAPA VALLEY REGISTER 28 January, 2003 Dan Berger: On Wine – Wine of the week	“The fruit aroma here is similar to cherry and cranberry and it has a full , rich taste with the expected tartness of the grape. truly fine wine, and one that will be better in a year or two.the 1999 vintage is still widely available, and it is also a great value, but the new 2000(should be on store shelves by early february) is really special and good value in a riserva quality red wine.”
		FOOD WINE MAGAZINE August 2004	“A straightforward 2000 , medium-bodied red with good acidity... (to) complement the concentrated flavors of the roasted tomatoes”
	Medaglia ARGENTO	INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2003	
	93	AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW Life & Leisure – 9 June, 2006	“Smell of brick dust and rose, fragrant currants and subtle oak smikiness. Attack deep and juicy. This is really smart

			Riserva Sangiovese at a more than reasonable price”
1999	90	WINE ENTHOUSIAST January 2003 – Best of Year 2002	“Nice young chianti with lots of black cherry fruit and brisk, sour acids that make your cheeks pucker. the wine is dry and balanced and cries out for rich italian food.”
	86	WINE SPECTATOR 15 October 2002 – New Releases: Italy – p.127	“Plenty of dried fruit and spices on the nose. medium-bodied, with silky tannins and a delicious ripe fruit finish.”
1997	87	WINE ENTHOUSIAST 1 April, 2001	“Lean and focused, this wine offers dark berry and plum aromas with cedary accents. Chocolate and cocoa notes add interest on the palate. The acids are a touch high—but they keep the flavors and mouthfeel lively and will make the wine work well with food. Drink now through 2005.”
	92	EPICUREAN May/June, 2001	“97 was a stellar year in Tuscany and this Chianti gives it full expression. Aromatic, lush and dry, with blackberry, raspberry, cranberry and soil flavors, smooth tannin, firm structure and a long fruit and mineral finish.”
	85	THE WINE NEWS April/May, 2001	“Pungent mushroom scents with secondary cherry nuances. Very crisp and racy with strawberry fruit and a note of iron. Lean, drying finish with a citrus-like kick.”
		THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS Cathy Barber October 31, 2001	“Light in texture and flavor. There is a touch of earthiness and a fruity finish.”
		TASTERS GUILD July 2001	“Forward, intense black fruit, plums, blackberry, cherry, leathery, earthy notes and brown spices in the aromas, lush black fruit, spicy oak commingling with earthyness leading to a very long finish.”
	87	THE WOW REPORT Robert Whitley – April 2, 2001	“Very Good ...the Gabbiano is beautifully balanced and elegant. In its price category, this wine fits nicely...”
		COLORADO WINE NEWS July-September 2001	“It has a bouquet of cherry, blackberry, currant, plum and soft earth which adds a bit of spice before a medium-long medium-broad finish with some tannin and a well integrated hint of wood.”
		THE BLADE Robert Kirtland – March 13, 2001	“This is an impressively structured wine, meaning that it is a harmonious complex

of taste sensations unfolding from first sip to swallow.”

WINE & SPIRITS April 2001  
Annual Restaurant Poll: Most Popular Italian Wines Castello di Gabbiano Chianti Classico Riserva.

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WINE & SPIRITS August 2001

“Tart fruit emerges out of the smokiness of the wine, flavors of blackberries and persimmons. The oak lends a chocolate and coconut tone”

THE SUNDAY TIMES Bill Thompson - July 14, 2002

“This is a classy Chianti showing real bottle age and has a realistic price. Dense berry flavours tied to long oak and fruit tannins make a delightful core. Aromatic spices add complexity and, predictably, this wine demands Italian soul food as a table partner.”