

## **Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 1997 Chianti Classico Riserva Castello di Fonterutoli**

**Tuscany, Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window:**

Full, dense ruby. Sweet, tarry aromas of ripe berry fruit. Rich flavors of sweet berry fruits, licorice and oak spices. Concentrated, shapely and elegant. Quite forceful and velvety on the aftertaste. A wine of superior finesse, and the best Chianti Riserva this important estate has yet made, but at some cost: the wine has become notably more "international" and less Tuscan.

**Daniel Thomases, July 2000**

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Full garnet. Opens with deep plum, blackberry, and cassis aromas, along with a scent of violet. Warm and full, with a solid core of dark sweet fruit. Tannic but smooth, conveying a sense of richness, with an acidic edge providing verve. Sage and mint are unmistakable on the long finish.

**Edward Beltrami, January 2002**