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Mazzei – Castello Di Fonterutoli 2006

Chianti Classico

Tuscany, Tuscany, Italy

The 2006 Chianti Classico is a plump, juicy, modern-styled Chianti. It offers excellent length and a generous personality that will provide much pleasure over the next few years. A blend of 90% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot, 3% Colorino and 2% Malvasia Nera, it spent 12 months in French oak.

Drinking window: 2013+

— Antonio Galloni, June 2008

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Producer

Mazzei – Castello Di Fonterutoli

Producer commentary

Proprietor Filippo Mazzei and consulting oenologist Carlo Ferrini were thrilled with their young wines when I visited Fonterutoli just after the 2006 harvest. The wines we tasted from tank were indeed quite promising, and now the first of these is coming onto the market. The estate has also done very well with its 2005s.

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Mazzei Tenuta Belguardo 2005 Morellino

Si Scansano Bronzone

Tuscany, Tuscany, Italy

The 2005 Morellino di Scansano Bronzone is made in a dark, brooding style, with intense dark fruit, spices and leather that emerge from its full-bodied, generous frame. This 100% Sangiovese spent 14 months in French oak.

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Producer

Mazzei Tenuta Belguardo

Producer commentary

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Mazzei – Castello Di Fonterutoli 2005

Chianti Classico Castello Di Fonterutoli

Tuscany, Tuscany, Italy

The estate's flagship Chianti Classico, the 2005 Castello di Fonterutoli, is a fine example of modern-styled Chianti. This blend of 90% Sangiovese and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon spent 18 months in French oak. Gorgeous, inviting aromas lead to a dark, brooding expression of ripe fruit laced with toasted oak, wild herbs and smoke, all of which emerge from the glass with air. There is beautiful balance here. The use of oak is deftly woven into the wine's fabric, something I haven't always been able to say about the Fonterutoli wines, and this Chianti offers notable plumpness for the vintage.

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Mazzei Tenuta Belguardo 2005 Belguardo

Tuscany, Tuscany, Italy

The Cabernet-based 2005 Belguardo is a supple, layered wine with terrific energy. Dark cherries, toasted oak, mint and crushed flowers emerge as this outstanding wine reveals its elegant personality. There is quite a bit of upside here, but the wine requires another year or two to absorb its oak. This is another great example of a successful 2005 from Maremma.

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Producer

Mazzei Tenuta Belguardo

Producer commentary

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Mazzei – Castello Di Fonterutoli 2005

Siepi

Tuscany, Tuscany, Italy

The estate's 2005 Siepi, equal parts Sangiovese and Merlot, spent 18 months in French oak. It is clearly the product of a less than stellar vintage but with air it gains remarkable harmony as some of the rough edges that are present at the outset seem to soften. Sweet dark fruit, new leather, spices, earthiness and licorice nuance emerge as this full-bodied, intense wine comes together in the glass. The 2005 is a smaller-scaled version of this wine, but it is an excellent and attractive wine nonetheless.

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Producer

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Mazzei Tenuta Belguardo 2005 Serrata

Tuscany, Tuscany, Italy

Tenuta Belguardo's 2005 Serrata is 80% Sangiovese and 20% Alicante aged in French oak. This plump, juicy wine is loaded with dark red fruit intermingled with sweet toasted oak. It offers lovely balance and an engaging personality.

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Producer
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Producer commentary