

# vinous

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## **Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 2011 Siepi**

**Castellina in Chianti, Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2018 - 2031**

A dark, voluptuous beauty, the 2011 Siepi captures the style of this wine nicely. Black cherry, plum, mocha and cloves abound in a supple, racy Sangiovese/Merlot blend. Copious French oak and rich, voluptuous fruit with all of the raciness and ripeness of the vintage are two of the signatures in this generous, internationally styled red from Fonterutoli.

**Antonio Galloni. Tasting date: July 2015**

**Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 2011 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Castello Fonterutoli****Castellina in Chianti, Tuscany****Red wine from Italy****Drinking window: 2016 - 2031**

The 2011 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Castello di Fonterutoli is dark, juicy and enveloping, with gorgeous textural richness and plenty of nuance. The flavors are bold and intense, yet there is good freshness woven throughout. Sweet red cherry, plum and spice are all pushed forward in an exotic, flamboyant wine loaded with personality. The very best qualities of the 2011 vintage come through in this radiant, beautifully crafted Chianti Classico from Fonterutoli.

**Antonio Galloni. Tasting date: July 2015**

## **Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 2011 Mix 36**

**Castellina in Chianti, Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2015 - 2026**

Fonterutoli's Mix 36, a blend that encompasses the 36 clones of Sangiovese on the property, is an attractive wine, although it lacks the excitement of the best bottles in this range. Crushed flowers, sweet tobacco and spices add nuance to the forward, open-knit fruit in an expressive wine built for near and medium term drinking. Frankly, it's hard to see where the Mix 36 fits into the range given the renewed emphasis on the Ser Lapo and the Gran Selezione designation being used for the Castello.

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## **Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva Ser Lapo**

**Castellina in Chianti, Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2015 - 2023**

The 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva Ser Lapo is dark and enveloping, with a bit of added texture from the presence of Merlot in the blend and the warm, ripe year. Black cherries, smoke, tobacco, cedar and earthy notes meld into the expressive, resonant finish. The 2011 can be enjoyed today or cellared for up to a decade, although my personal preference is to drink the wine on the young side.

**Antonio Galloni. Tasting date: July 2015**