

2013 Mazzei Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Castello Fonterutoli

The 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Castello Fonterutoli is an exceptionally balanced and smooth red wine that is the result of a complicated fruit-blending process. Some 36 biotypes of Sangiovese are used in the mix and are harvested from 120 single vineyard parcels with primarily Alberese and Galestro limestone soils. It is made from 92% Sangiovese, and 8% Malvasia Nera and Colorino. The bouquet offers bold cherry and plum with spice and soft tobacco.

- Monica Lerner (December, 2016)

2013 Mazzei Concerto di Fonterutoli

This wine was born in 1981 (as one of the first so-called super Tuscan wines), although it is never featured prominently among the other popular protagonists in the wide portfolio offered by the Mazzei family. The 2013 Concerto di Fonterutoli is a Toscana IGT blend of 80% Sangiovese and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon that is aged in French oak for 18 months. The results are beautiful and shapely with dark layers of blackberry, spice, tobacco and dried cherry. Vines are planted in limestone and sandstone soils.

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2013 Mazzei Philip

Philip Mazzei (1730-1816) was a contemporary of Thomas Jefferson and the two men reportedly exchanged grape-growing know-how and experiences. The 2013 Philip is dedicated to this family ancestor and represents a pure expression of Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine is dark and penetrating with evident oak notes, spice tobacco and dark chocolate. It shows dark consistency and rich concentration.

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2013 Mazzei Mix 36

The 2013 Mix 36 is a clever mono-varietal expression of Sangiovese made from 36 distinct biotypes of the grape, 18 of which are exclusive to the Fonterutoli estate. The vines are 11 years old and harvest started on October 10th this vintage. The fruit is balanced and linear with red cherry, spice, dried blueberry and tobacco. It shows medium density and impressive persistence.

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2013 Mazzei Chianti Classico Riserva Ser Lapo

The 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva Ser Lapo is an excellent wine with gorgeous smoothness and soft tannins. This 90/10 blend of Sangiovese and Merlot shows the best of both grapes in their respective percentages. Production numbers are large - at 100,000 bottles - so you should have no problem locating this easy-to-drink and affordable red wine from beautiful Tuscany. Ser Lapo is dedicated to the Mazzei family ancestor who first mentioned a "Chianti" wine in the distant year of 1398.

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