

Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 2015**Concerto****Castellina in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Siena),****Tuscany**

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2022 - 2035

The 2015 Concerto, a blend of Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon, is positively gorgeous. Dark cherry, plum, chocolate, lavender, spice and menthol retains considerable primary intensity and freshness, which suggests the 2015 is going to need at least a few years in bottle to be at its most expressive. The Concerto is a wine of substance and real personality. I can't wait to see how it ages.

**Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 2015
Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Castello
Fonterutoli**

**Castellina in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Siena),
Tuscany**

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2020 - 2035

The 2015 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Castello Fonterutoli is one of the most polished wines in the range. Super-ripe red berry fruit, mint, pomegranate and floral overtones are all laced together in a lifted, gracious Chianti Classico that is already incredibly harmonious. Creamy and expansive on the palate, with striking textural resonance, the 2015 is a winner.

**Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 2015 Mix
36****Castellina in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Siena),
Tuscany**

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2020 - 2035

Mazzei's 2015 Mix 36, a blend of 36 Sangiovese clones, is another very pretty and expressive wine in this range. Sweet red berry and floral notes offer lovely brightness as this gracious, energetic Sangiovese shows off its personality. In 2015, the Mix 36 is not as differentiated from the other wines as it typically is, but that is a function of the vintage.

Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 2015 Siepi
Castellina in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Siena),
Tuscany

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2022 - 2035

The 2015 Siepi, Mazzei's flagship Sangiovese/Merlot, is powerful and voluptuous on the palate. Black cherry, plum, chocolate, leather, licorice and espresso fill out the wine's ample frame nicely. Silky tannins and soft curves add to the wine's undeniable appeal.

Antonio Galloni. Tasting date: July 2018

Mazzei 2015 Philip

**Castellina in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Siena),
Tuscany**

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2020 - 2030

The 2015 Philip, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, is powerful and rich in the glass, with copious blackberry jam, chocolate, spice and chocolate notes. Deep, fleshy and bold, the Philip has a lot to offer. Today, though, it comes across as a bit heavy and marked by the heat of the year. It will be interesting to see if time helps the wine come together a bit more fully.

Antonio Galloni. Tasting date: July 2018

**Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 2015
Chianti Classico Riserva Ser Lapo**

**Castellina in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Siena),
Tuscany**

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2023 - 2035

The 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva Ser Lapo is a wine of power and breadth. Crushed flowers, sweet red berries, chalk and white pepper all give the 2015 a distinctive sense of brightness that plays off the richness of the fruit very nicely. A closing burst of bright acid and tannin adds energy. I would give the 2015 at least a few years to come together, as it is presently tightly wound and not fully expressive.

Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli 2016**Chianti Classico Fonterutoli**

**Castellina in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Siena),
Tuscany**

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2021 - 2031

The 2016 Chianti Classico Fonterutoli is laced with dark cherry, plum, menthol lavender and spice. Succulent, pliant and wonderfully expressive, the 2016 shows an attractive darker side of Sangiovese that is further accentuated by the dollops of Malvasia Nera, Colorino and Merlot that round out the blend. This is very nicely done.

Antonio Galloni. Tasting date: July 2018