

# Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 2015

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*The tradition of the high quality of Chianti Classico. Its perfumes and its taste are the combination of Sangiovese with two international varieties, Merlot and Syrah.*

## 2015 Vintage Report

An exceptional vintage. Winter has declined regularly with abundant precipitations in the first phase, and spring has been anticipated without thermal excursions and without high rainfall, this has meant that the budding and flowering together with the fruit set has been homogeneous.

Summer has passed in a normal, dry but also with alternation of thunderstorms that allowed to lower the temperatures causing considerable temperature variations. As a result, the grapes came to the collection with one homogeneous and optimal maturation.

**Denomination:** Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva

**Grape varieties:** 90% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot, 5% Syrah

**First vintage produced:** 1970

**Production area:** Greve in Chianti

**Vineyard position:** 230-400 MASL with south-southwest, northern, and southern exposure

**Soil:** clayey, with prevalent amounts of alberese and colombino stone

**Training system:** Guyot and spur-trained cordon

**Vineyard age and density:** 5-30 years; 4000-7000 plants per hectare

**Harvest:** manual, during the last week of September for Merlot and Syrah and the first week of October for Sangiovese

**Vinification:** Alcoholic fermentation at 26-30°C in stainless steel and maceration for 20 days. Malolactic fermentation in both wood and stainless steel.

**Aging:** in barriques of 225 and 300 l for 12 months and large Slavonian oak barrels for about 8 months

**Tasting notes:** Intense ruby red with violet nuances. A complex nose with sour cherry, ripe blackberry, and cassis with undertones of cinnamon, nutmeg, and freshly ground pepper. On the palate, soft and fresh, with the alcohol rounding out the harshness of the tannins. Finishes with a long, toasted note. Will age well for more than ten years

**Alcohol:** 13.8%

**Production:** 50,000 bottles/year

**Format:** 0.75 l, Magnum, Double Magnum, and 5 l

  
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