

MAZZEI

2014 Ser Lapo Chianti Classico Riserva

Tasting Notes

With this outstanding Chianti Classico Riserva, the Marquis Mazzei celebrate their notable ancestor Ser Lapo, author of the first official document mentioning "Chianti wine". Fresh, with aromas of berries. Strong structure and intense taste.

Food Pairing: Pasta with game sauce, stews, grilled red meats, mid-aged cheeses.

Technical Data

Varietal: 90% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot

Alcohol: 13.5%

Acidity: 6.10

Region: Tuscany

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Rated 92, Nathalie MacLean , September 1, 2018

"The Mazzei family have been the owners of this Italian winery, Castello di Fonterutoli, since 1435. The 2014 was a cool and wet vintage year for Tuscany, but this Chianti Classico Riserva Ser Lapo is expressive with a floral and fresh red berry nose and dark red fruits and savoury herb flavours on the palate. Tannins are a bit grippy, but this should resolve in time."

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Rated 91, Antonio Galloni, Vinous, January 2018

"The 2014 Chianti Classico Riserva Ser Lapo is a very good wine, especially within the context of the vintage. Not surprisingly, the 2014 is a bit youthfully austere today, but it makes up for that with fine persistence. Expressive floral and savory overtones add perfume to the dark red stone fruit flavors. Give the 2014 another 6-12 months in bottle to allow the tannins to soften further."

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Rated 91, James Suckling, October 20, 2017

"A tighter Ser Lapo Chianti Classico with nut, berries and cherries. Medium body, firm and silky tannins and a fresh finish. Delicious finish. Drink now."

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Rated 90, Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator, March 31, 2018

"A well-balanced red, with cherry, almond, leather and underbrush flavors offsetting the lightly chewy tannins, this shows fine length and complexity. Drink now through 2022."

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Rated 90, Jason Solanki, vintagewinepicks.blogspot.com, June 2018

"90% Sangiovese and 10% Merlot. The medium+ intensity nose is elegant with sour cherry, red currant, and oak spice aromas, along with touches of raspberry and mocha chocolate notes. On the medium-full bodied palate, it has supple tannins with a slightly chalky texture, offering a nice mouthfeel overall. Pleasing aroma replays on the flavour profile. It has balanced acidity and is a touch warm on the long finish."

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Rated 89, Michael Godel, Wine Align September 2017

"Fonterutoli's Chianti Classico Riserva Ser Lapo is named for Filippo Mazzei's ancestor "Mr. or Signore Lapo," the first to use the word "Chianti Classico" on a wine label, in December of 1398. This Riserva is 90 per cent sangiovese with 10 merlot and while it no longer fetches three florins, 26 soldi and 8 dinari for 6 barrels, it consistently represents one of the finest values for Riserva level on the CC pyramid. This 2014 spent 14-15 months in barriques and its classic, old time, rustica red tart fruit sangiovese with fine tannins wastes no time into the sidetracked distraction of unwanted meanderings. Walks the Chianti Classico line with classic distinction. Drink 2018-2022."

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Rated 89, David Lawrason, Wine Align, May 2017

"This Chianti Classico Riserva is 90% sangiovese and 10% merlot, aged 12 months in French oak which provides a certain supple elegance and fine tannin. The nose is a bit reserved with well integrated cedar, spice, herbs and ripe berry fruit. It lacks some structure to hit 90 points in my books but there is some charm here, and very good to excellent length. Balanced enough to enjoy now; should please through 2020."

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Rated 88, Michael Vaughan, Vintage Assessment, September 2018

"Deep intense purple red colour. Deep intense purple red colour. Slightly spicy, sandalwood-tinged, ripe plum nose with some sandalwood notes. Dry, medium bodied, quite well structured, slightly spicy, tangy, ripe plum flavours with a lingering, harmonious, cedar-sandalwood-tinged finish. Part of Benchmark Europe Feature."

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