



# CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

## 2021 COLTASSALA CHIANTI CLASSICO GRAN SELEZIONE DOCG



<b>COMPOSITION</b>	95% Sangiovese, 5% Mammolo
<b>VINEYARDS</b>	Coltassala ( <i>cole-tah-SAWL-ah</i> )
<b>ACRES PLANTED</b>	8.72 acres
<b>VINES PLANTED</b>	Average of 20-25 years old. Ongoing replanting since the 1980s
<b>SOILS</b>	Light; sandstone
<b>ELEVATION</b>	1,700 ft.
<b>EXPOSURE</b>	South
<b>DENSITY</b>	2,306 vines/acre
<b>TRAINING</b>	Guyot
<b>VINTAGE NOTES</b>	The 2021 vintage began with a rather hot March which was followed by a sharp drop in temperature at the beginning of April. Fortunately, this did not cause much damage to the buds. April and May were characterised by lower than average temperatures and plenty of rain. Summer was very hot and there was very little rainfall. From mid-August temperatures became milder with little rain continuing. The harvest began slightly earlier than usual.

<b>HARVEST DATES</b>	October 4 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> 2021
<b>BARREL AGING</b>	24 months in new French oak, and minimum 6 month in the bottle
<b>WOOD CASE</b>	6/750ml
<b>ALCOHOL/T.A.</b>	14% / 5,7g/L
<b>TASTING NOTES</b>	The Coltassala has a vivid ruby colour. This is a well-structured, complex wine with an elegant nose and hints of vanilla, cacao and fruit.



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The Coltassala vineyard shares its location and name with a villa. The first Super-Tuscans were created in the 1970s by Chianti Classico producers who rejected government mandates that determined which grapes were required to go into their wine, especially with grapes like Trebbiano and Malvasia. The Super-Tuscans were also treated differently from Chianti, aged in small French barriques rather than large Slavonian oak casks. Because the Super-Tuscans did not follow the DOC regulations, the Super-Tuscans were entitled only to the lowest official designation of the time – Vino da tavola. It wasn't until 1994 that government recognized the high quality of Super-Tuscans and gave the wine its own category – IGT (Indicazione Geografica Tipica). Volpaia first released Coltassala in 1980 as a Super-Tuscan. The Chianti Classico appellation followed suit, closing the quality gap between Chianti Classico and Super-Tuscans. Now Coltassala is a Chianti Classico Riserva *Cru* even though it's the same Super-Tuscan wine of 1980.