



CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

IL PURO CASANOVA CHIANTI CLASSICO Gran Selezione Docg 2016



Falstaff - 96 points

14 Vol.-%, NK. Funkelndes, intensives Rubin. Kompakte Nase mit Noten nach reifen, dunklen Kirschen und Waldhimbeeren, im Hintergrund dezent harzige Noten. Geschliffen und fein am Gaumen, zeigt viel saftige Frucht, öffnet sich mit feinmaschigem Tannin in vielen Schichten, sehr langer Nachhall.

Vini buoni d'Italia - 96 points 4 stelle - corona

A cura di Mario Busso e Alessandro Scorsone

Luca Gardini - 96 points

Sixty-year-old plants, a wonderful enological project that reaches in this label one of its highest expressions. Fresh nose opening with aromas of raspberries and currants, a hint of pepper leaf; then, extraordinarily easy to drink: juicy, ample with a beautiful persistence.

Jancis Robinson - 17.5 points

Radda in Chianti. Certified organic. They grow 25 clones of Sangiovese, which date from 60 years ago, in this small Casanova vineyard at 450 m. Aged for 18 months in new Allier oak. Mid garnet. Densely savoury, 'agricultural' Sangiovese notes on the nose and just the right amount of fruit concentration (not skinny but not forced). Excellent acidity and very true to the variety. Bone-dry. Quintessential food wine. Not Uashy. Well named. Drink 2019 – 2026

Wine Spectator - 95 points

Dense and firmly structured, this red is saturated with black cherry, black currant, mineral, spice, tar and tobacco flavors. Though balanced, with refined tannins and lively acidity, the fruit is muted now and seems to be shutting down. Fine length shows the potential, but be patient. Best from 2024 through 2048. 1,900 cases made, 200 cases imported. — BS

Mondus - Meininger online - 95 points

Editor comment: kräftiger, dunkel-maskuliner Duft, Moos und Moschus, leicht grün-rappig, Holunder, rote Fruchtschüre, Hagebutte; deutlich kräftiger und holzbetonter als Vorgänger, sehr jung, noch sehr adstringent, aber großes Potenzial



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Vinous - 94+ points

The 2016 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Casanova Il Puro is a Wine for the cellar. Bright acids and beams of tannin shape this powerful, classically austere Gran Selezione from Volpaia. Lavender, spice, menthol, licorice and cloves start to emerge with some coaxing, but the 2016 is very clearly not ready to show all its cards just yet. Even so, this is a fine edition of the Puro. I hope to taste it again in another decade or so.

James Suckling - 94 points

A rich, layered red that shows the strength of the vintage, offering blackberry, black-olive and stone aromas and flavors. It's full-bodied, chewy and pretty. From organically grown grapes. Approachable now, but better in 2022.

Tom Hyland - 94 points

From the Casanova vineyard, at the Volpaia estate, a blend of 25 clones of Sangiovese. Bright garnet; aromas of ripe morel cherry, a hint of nutmeg and purple iris. Medium-full with very good to excellent concentration. Big finish with very good acidity, big, but beautifully managed tannins, nicely integrated wood notes, excellent persistence. Beautiful expression of varietal character and sense of place. Give 3-4 years, peak in 12-15.

Wine Advocate - 93 points

The Volpaia 2016 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Casanova Il Puro is profound, mature and ready to drink. It is made with organic fruit and packaged with lengths of twine that are affixed to the front of the bottle with an elegant red wax seal. From a classic vintage, this wine opens to evolved and spicy aromas of dried fruit, prune, leather and dark licorice root. The presentation is more oxidative that I would expect for a 2016, but yet the wine is open and ready to drink. I see little need to hold out for longer aging. Larner

Giuda Veronelli - 94 points 3 stelle oro



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Decanter - 92 points

'Puro' refers not just to the fact that this is made from 100% Sangiovese, but also that the vines represent 25 clones native to the area of Volpaia. They are grown in a small plot of the estate's south-facing Casanova vineyard. Aged in 100% new Frenchbarriques, this leads with freshly ground coffee and sandalwood then reveals liquorice, lavender and red cherry. The palate is sophisticated and smooth with fine, svelte tannins and a racy core. Organic. Drink 2021-2030 Alc 14%

Wine Enthusiast - 91 points

Made with organically farmed Sangiovese, this has aromas of underbrush, French oak and dark-skinned fruit. Reflecting the nose, the firm, elegant palate offers coconut, vanilla, French oak and savory Mediterranean herb set against firm, close-grained tannins that leave a drying finish. Kerin O'Keefe