



CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

2005 CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG



The Chianti Classico label features the Commenda di Sant'Eufrosino, the second of four churches built within the city's walls. Attributed to Italian architect and sculptor Michelozzo di Bartolomeo (1396–1472), the church was built in 1443 by request of the Canigiani family who lived in Volpaia. One of the family members wished to join the Knights of Malta, a religious order and military brotherhood ruled by a Grand Master that answered only to the Pope. The Knights of Malta required that the Canigianis build a church in Volpaia before joining the religious order. The Commenda was deconsecrated in 1932 and declared a national monument in 1981. For 13 years, until 1993, the Commenda housed a renowned art collection. The Commenda is now used for dinners, tastings and other events and its basement contains one of Volpaia's barrel-aging cellars.

COMPOSITION	90% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot and Syrah
VINEYARDS	Campo a Pitti, Campo alla Fonte (Syrah), Casavecchia, Casetto, Castellino, Campo a Prato, Montanino, Pratolino, Santa Caterina (Merlot and Sangiovese), Santa Caterina Vecchia, Santa Maria Novella, Vignavecchia
CULTIVATION	Certified organic
VINES AGE	Planted 1970–2004
SOIL	All vineyards have light soils consisting of sandstone except Campo alla Fonte, which is sandstone and clay and Castellino and Santa Maria Novella, which are composed of clay.
ELEVATION	On slopes between 1,300 and 1,970 feet
EXPOSURE	A range of southern exposures
DENSITY	1,038–2,306 vines/acre
TRAINING	Volpaia uses cane pruning in all of its vineyards except Santa Caterina, which uses single-arched cane and Santa Maria Novella, which uses spur pruning.
VINTAGE NOTES	The 2005 vintage was characterized by alternating periods of hot, dry weather and cool, rainy weather, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and develop good aromatics. Harvest started later compared to previous vintages.
HARVEST DATES	September 25–October 15
BARREL AGING	12 months in large casks
CASES IMPORTED	2,000 (12/750ml)
ALCOHOL	13.0%
TASTING NOTES	The Chianti Classico has a vivid ruby color and a strong nose of fresh red fruit with hints of cherry. This is a well-structured wine with a juicy finish.

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