

CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

2010 CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA DOCG



The Volpaia Chianti Classico Riserva label features the della Volpaia family coat of arms. The family took its name from the village of Volpaia itself. Lorenzo della Volpaia (1446-1512), an architect, goldsmith, mathematician and clockmaker, founded a Florentine dynasty of clockmakers and scientific-instrument makers that included his sons Camillo, Benvenuto and Eufrosino, and nephew Girolamo. As clockmaker, Lorenzo gained fame and honor with the construction of the Orologio dei Pianeti (Planetary Clock). Lorenzo also built the clock at the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence. He was a friend of Leonardo da Vinci and took part in the discussions on the placement of Michelangelo's David. The della Volpaia family instruments are on display at the Science Museums in Florence and Greenwich (United Kingdom), the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence and the Adler Planetarium in Chicago.

COMPOSITION 100% Sangiovese

> **VINEYARDS** Campo a Pitti, Casavecchia, Casetto, Castellino, Campo a Prato,

Pratolino, Santa Caterina, Santa Caterina Vecchia, Santa Maria

Novella, Vignavecchia

CULTIVATION Certified organic

> VINE AGE Planted 1970-2002

> > All vineyards have light soil consisting of sandstone except SOIL

> > > Castellino and Santa Maria Novella, which are composed of clay.

ELEVATION On slopes between 400 and 600 meters (1,300 and 1,970 feet)

EXPOSURE A range of southern exposures, southeast to southwest

DENSITY 2,564-5,698 vines/hectare (1,038-2,306 vines/acre)

TRAINING Volpaia uses Guyot training (cane pruning) in all of its vineyards

except Santa Caterina, which uses single-arched cane and Santa

Maria Novella, which uses cordon spur pruning.

VINTAGE NOTES 2010 was characterized by a fresh, rainy season causing a delay

> of nearly one week in all phenological phases. Mild summer temperatures and plenty of water in the soil led to good plant development and high yields. Harvest started slightly later

compared to previous years.

HARVEST DATES September 24-October 10

BARREL AGING 24 months in 80% Slovenian and French oak casks and 20% new

French oak barriques

ALCOHOL 13.5%

TASTING NOTES The Chianti Classico Riserva has a ruby-red hue with a trace of

> garnet. The nose is elegant, displaying hints of spice and fruit. This a well-structured wine with smooth tannins and a long finish.