



CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

2013 COLTASSALA CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA DOCG



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.

COMPOSITION	95% Sangiovese, 5% Mammolo
VINEYARD	Coltassala
CULTIVATION	Certified organic
SIZE	3.53 hectares (8.72 acres)
VINE AGE	Ongoing plantings since 1980
SOIL	Sandstone
ELEVATION	518 meters (1,700 feet)
EXPOSURE	South
DENSITY	5,698 vines/hectare (2,306 vines/acre)
TRAINING	Guyot

VINTAGE NOTES The growing season began with mild and damp spring conditions from abundant rainfall that continued into early summer. Temperatures remained below normal during the month of June, resulting in late bud break and flowering of the vines. July and August saw warm temperatures which assisted in vine growth, grape veraison and ripening. Cooler temperatures prevailed in late summer delaying the harvest to the more traditional time of mid-September, similar to conditions 15 years ago. The vintage produced wines that are balanced and elegant.

HARVEST DATES	October 14
BARREL AGING	18 months in new French oak
CASE PACK	6/750ml
ALCOHOL / TA	13.5% / 5.3g/L

TASTING NOTES The Coltassala has a vivid ruby color. This is a well-structured, complex wine with an elegant nose and hints of vanilla, cacao and fruit.

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