A TUSCAN TOUR
SEDUCTIVE SANGIOVESE FROM
CHIANTI, MONTALCINO & MONTEPULCIANO

THE WINE SOCIETY 1874

thewinesociety.com/italy
FROM ATTRACTIVE ‘DRINKING CHIANTI’ TO TOP-OF-THE-SHOP GRAN SELEZIONE

Tuscany, Italy’s heart and soul, is sangiovese country. Its history is long, but this offer celebrates the remarkable revitalisation of Tuscan wines that I have witnessed in the last two decades. A bit like Burgundy’s pinot noir, the sangiovese grape is rather sensitive to where it’s grown. Years of research and intelligent hard work in improving vine quality and understanding what worked and where, combined with serious long-term investment by people who owned great estates, has paid dividends. As always in Italy, individual inspiration and drive brought best results and the fruits of this labour are now in delicious evidence. Gran Selezione, the new quality category introduced recently to allow producers to showcase the best from their estate, is the latest evidence of this renaissance in Chianti. But all the wines in this selection, from the drinking Chiantis of the 2014 vintage, to magnums of Paolo di Marchi’s Cepparello, show why I am excited about this offer. These wines are good. I thoroughly recommend them to you.

Sebastian Payne MW Society Buyer

2014 ‘DRINKING CHIANTI’

Perfumed and stylish, classically proportioned Chianti

The weather in 2014 was a blast from the past, cooler and wetter than last decade’s abnormally warm years. As is always the case, growers who cared for their vines and selected assiduously made some really attractive wines with immediate fragrant appeal and lightness of touch that many will welcome.

Chianti Rufina, Frascole 2014

Husband and wife team Enrico and Elisa Lippi, both trained agronomists, farm organically with scrupulous care and this brings great results. Fresh perfumed Chianti with gentle flavour. Now to 2020. 13%

ref PP-IT22981
£11.50 bottle  £138 dozen

The Society’s Exhibition Chianti Classico 2014

Sangiovese at its most approachable with charming fruit, good body and freshness. From the excellent Poggioipiano estate at San Casciano. Now to 2022. 14%

ref PP-IT22221
£11.95 bottle  £143 dozen

Chianti Rufina, Selvapiana 2014

Fine, elegant Chianti with lovely bouquet in the true Selvapiana style, backed by spicy fruit and floral aftertaste. 80% of this wine was made from grapes Federico Masseti normally uses for Bucerchiale, his Riserva wine. Now to 2021. 13.5%

ref PP-IT23341
£12.50 bottle  £150 dozen

Chianti Classico, Castello La Leccia 2014

Lovely spicy Chianti with rich, vibrant fruit. This small well-sited estate in Castellina, run along organic lines, is making great wine. A name to follow. Now to 2021. 14.5%

ref PP-IT23671
£13.50 bottle  £162 dozen

Chianti Classico, Fontodi 2014

Giovanni Manetti’s Chiantis have exceptional depth of flavour and quality, the results of meticulous care of the vineyard and cellar of his sun-blessed amphitheatre of vines in the conca d’oro (golden shell) below Panzano. Displaying the hallmark aromas of violets and elegance, this is lovely. Now to 2024. 13.5%

ref PP-IT23591
£17.50 bottle  £210 dozen

Chianti Classico, Filetta di Lamole 2014

Wonderful fragrance of blue iris and violets. Pure sangiovese from terraced vines at Lamole high above Panzano, one of Chianti Classico’s original sites. Enjoy cellar cool. Now to 2021. 13.5%

ref PP-IT23201
£19.50 bottle  £234 dozen

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Brolio 2013

Francesco Ricasoli took enormous trouble to identify the best sites of his large historic Brolio estate and this was made from a selection of the best grapes in the fine 2013 vintage. Classy, balanced Chianti with graceful ageing potential. Now to 2025. 13.5%

ref PP-IT22211
£39 bottle  £468 dozen

Vigna del Sorbo Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Fontodi 2012

Generous, fragrant bouquet, evocative of violets and ripe blackcurrant. Splendidly ripe in this warm vintage yet fresh with tannins to balance and add structure. This is 95% sangiovese and 5% cabernet sauvignon, both organically cultivated. Now to 2030. 15%

ref PP-IT18801
£35 bottle  £420 dozen

Vigna del Sorbo Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Fontodi 2011

Organically cultivated. Now to 2030. 15%

ref PP-IT20231
£35 bottle  £420 dozen

Gran Selezione is a new higher level which both raises the bar and also helps pinpoint the difference in parts of the Chianti Classico region. Fontodi is the finest estate in Panzano, high in the heart of the district. Brolio has the longest history of all with a fantastic position now back to its great potential. We have deliberately given the wines some ageing before release.

Colledilà Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Brolio 2011

Sublime Chianti that is spicy, elegant, rich and creamy. Pure sangiovese grown in a dedicated limestone plot on the hill opposite the castle (colle = hill, dilà = over there). This fully demonstrates the great potential of this estate since Francesco Ricasoli took over ownership in 1993. Now to 2025. 14.5%

ref PP-IT21131
£34 bottle  £408 dozen

Vigna del Sorbo Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Fontodi 2011

Perfumed, silky, truly delicious, ageworthy wine from 100% old-vine sangiovese from Fontodi’s del Sorbo vineyard and the fantastic 2012 vintage. A star buy. Organically cultivated. Now to 2030. 15%

ref PP-IT20231
£35 bottle  £420 dozen

Ref: PP-IT18801
£35 bottle  £420 dozen

Giovanni Manetti of Fontodi
BOLGHERI
Wines from Tuscany’s coast
The Maremma, the coastal region of Tuscany, hides a multitude of very ordinary wine and two internationally famous names, Sassicaia and Ornellaia, have become expensive. Meet the new star on the block, created with intelligence and skill by the Allegrini family from Veneto, offering great quality and an acceptable price.

Vermentino Solosole, Poggio al Tesoro 2016
Our only Tuscan white made from the vermentino grape that has long worked well here. Aromatic, with characteristic white flower perfume and plenty of zip and depth of flavour for even spicy dishes. Now to 2020. 14%
ref PP-IT23151
£14.95 bottle £179 dozen

Sondraia Bolgheri Superiore, Poggio al Tesoro 2013
This Supertuscan from the Sondraia vineyard in Bolgheri has quietly become one of its finest reds. 65% ripe cabernet sauvignon gives structured class, while 25% merlot adds seductive roundness and 10% cabernet franc lifts the bouquet. 2013 was an exceptional year for cabernet: 2018 to 2023. 14%
ref PP-IT23161
£28 bottle £336 dozen

RISERVA CHIANTI
Fuller and with more depth and worth the wait
Riserva wines are those that deserve extra ageing in barrel, being fuller and deeper in flavour than Chianti normale. These four show the individuality of the region. All are delicious but from different parts of Chianti, ranging from the almost ‘mountain wines’ of Rufina to those made at the southernmost extremity, on the border with Montalcino at Fèlsina Berardenga.

Chianti Rufina Riserva, Frascole 2012
Frascole is the northernmost vineyard of the Rufina high above Dicomano and its riserva comes from the Lippi’s highest and stoniest vineyard using sangiovese with 10% colorino. Perfumed, ripe and rounded. Organically cultivated. Now to 2018. 13.5%
ref PP-IT22431
£17.50 bottle £210 dozen

Chianti Classico Riserva, Castello di Volpaia 2013
The vineyards of Volpaia at between 300-500m are among the highest in the Classico region and are known for their freshness and elegance but keep beautifully. This lovely vibrant wine will age gracefully showing increasing complexity. Now to 2023. 13.5%
ref PP-IT21981
£19.50 bottle £234 dozen

Chianti Classico Riserva, Brolio 2012
Fragrant, elegant and succulent Chianti made from a selection of the ripest grapes from this magnificent historic estate in the south of the Classico region. Francesco Ricasoli has totally revitalised his family’s estate and the results are impressive. Now to 2020. The 2013 follows. 13.5%
ref PP-IT21141
£21 bottle £252 dozen

Chianti Classico Riserva Rancia, Fèlsina Berardenga 2010
With elegance, finesse, splendid spicy floral bouquet and opulent flavour, this is a great vintage for Rancia and needed time to open. Fèlsina is the southernmost great vineyard of the Classico region making full-flavoured wines, Rancia is their single-vineyard wine made from grapes grown in a beautiful spot beneath an historic farmhouse (rancia) on the estate. Now to 2020. The 2013 follows. 14%
ref PP-IT18841
£35 bottle £420 dozen

FREE UK DELIVERY
MINIMUM PURCHASE APPLIES
SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

CARMIGNANO, MONTALCINO & MONTEPULCIANO
Three famous Tuscan names, reminding us that there’s more to this part of Italy than Chianti. Carmignano, though small, has the longest vinous history, recognised in the 15th century and dignified officially as one of the few top Chianti regions 300 years ago (Panzano-Fontodi and Gaiole-Brolio were also there). Bonacossi’s 2010 Trefiano shows why. Montalcino is a relative newcomer but its reputation has been spectacular: Montepulciano’s wine was ‘nobile’ because nobles owned the land, but it took time to find a wine truly worthy of the name, and this is it.

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva dei Padri Serviti, Gattavecchi 2012
Full-flavoured spicy wine with rich, well-developed flavour after 30 months’ barrel ageing. The Gattavecchi family have been producing wine for over 100 years and the current generation are all determined to show they know how. Now to 2022. 14%
ref PP-IT22701
£27 bottle £324 dozen

Brunello di Montalcino, Canalichio di Sopra 2011
Deep-flavoured Brunello from an exceptionally ripe, fruity vintage. Francesco Ripaccioli’s family was one of the original Brunello producers and benefits from land on the hill of Montesoli whose vines give depth, structure and finesse, to the richer wines from Canalicchio. Now to 2025. 14.5%
ref PP-IT21031
£30 bottle £360 dozen

Brunello di Montalcino, Gianni Brunelli 2012
The secret to Laura Brunelli’s wine is that she is able to use her different vineyards to add complexity to the naturally velvety palate. Olivo is rich and full, Ulmo adds structure and Chiuse di Sotto, on the other side of the town, elegance. Now to 2025. 13.5%
ref PP-IT23091
£34 bottle £408 dozen

To order ~thewinesociety.com/italy ~ 01438 741177
To order: thewinesociety.com/italy 01438 741177

**MAGNUMS**

Bigger bottles are perfect for special occasions and dinner parties, and are a great format for longer, slower ageing. We are lucky to have some mature vintages of the wines below, though in limited quantities.

**Magnum of Chianti Classico, Fontodi 2008**

An absolute cracker that combines freshness and fruit with depth of flavour. 2008 was the first year to be labelled as organically cultivated, though Giovanni Manetti has run the property this way since 2001. Now to 2020. 14%

ref PP-IT14974

£45 bottle  £270 per six

**Magnum of Cepparello Isole e Olena 2010**

2010 was a huge success for Cepparello, Paolo di Marchi’s flagship red. From 100% sangiovese, with lovely fragrant bouquet backed with a full, long-lasting balanced palate, this is outstanding. Now to 2022. 14.5%

ref PP-IT17794

£110 bottle  £660 per six

---

**EXPLORE 2014 CHIANTI CASE**

A six-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

- Chianti Rufina, Frascole 2014
- Chianti Rufina, Selvapiana 2014
- Chianti Classico, Filetta di Lamole 2014
- Chianti Classico, Fontodi 2014
- The Society’s Exhibition Chianti Classico 2014
- Chianti Classico, Castello La Leccia 2014

ref PP-MX1787

£85

---

**FINE WINE TUSCAN TOUR**

A six-bottle case containing two bottles each of the following:

- Vigna del Sorbo, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Fontodi 2012
- Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva dei Padi Serviti, Gattavecchi 2012
- Brunello di Montalcino, Gianni Brunelli 2012

ref PP-MX1789

£179

---

**TOP-FLIGHT RISERVAS CASE**

A six-bottle case containing two bottles each of the following:

- Chianti Classico Riserva, Castello di Volpaia 2013
- Chianti Classico Riserva Brolio 2012/2013
- Chianti Classico Riserva Rancia, Fèlsina Berardenga 2013

ref PP-MX1788

£149

---

**THE SOCIETY’S PROMISE**

Uncork with confidence

The Wine Society is a mutual organisation, so our members’ satisfaction is paramount. If, for any reason, you haven’t enjoyed a wine we want to hear about it and will happily offer a credit, a replacement or a refund.

thewinesociety.com/promise

---

MIXED CASES | FREE UK DELIVERY

**This offer is open until Sunday 25th June, 2017 while stocks last.**