

Italy, Tuscany: Chianti Classico: The Making of a Dream Team

2013 Gagliole Chianti Classico Rubiolo

RATING: 91 points

PRODUCER: Gagliole

FROM: Italy Chianti Classico,

Tuscany, Italy

VARIETY: Sangiovese

DRINK: 2015 - 2022

ESTIMATED COST: \$15-\$20

SOURCE: eRobertParker.com,

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The 2013 Chianti Classico Rubiolo offers a pure core of bright cherry fruit with cherry liqueur and candied cherry for added intensity. Besides that very obvious cherry theme, the bouquet makes room for added spice, leather and polished mineral. Rubiolo offers a very elegant and clean presentation for those who enjoy the bright flavors and crisp nuances of Chianti Classico.

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2011 Gagliole Gagliole

RATING: 89 points

PRODUCER: Gagliole Im

FROM: Italy Toscana, Tuscany, Italy

VARIETY: Proprietary Blend

DRINK: 2015 - 2024

ESTIMATED COST: \$0

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The 2011 Gagliole is mostly Sangiovese with a small part Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine opens to dark and rich intensity, and a beautifully dark appearance. The 2011 vintage is almost too much of a good thing, especially when compared to the slightly more elegant 2010 edition. This is a massive effort that is endowed with lasting aromas of dark fruit, spice and toasted oak. The oak element feels less integrated here. There is a note of jammy sweetness in the mouth with sweet berry flavors that are both soft and round. I found that this vintage offers slightly less dimension and complexity overall.

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2013 Gagliole Valletta

RATING: 92 points

PRODUCER: Gagliole

FROM: Italy Colli della Toscana Centrale, Tuscany, Italy **VARIETY:** Proprietary Blend

DRINK: 2015 - 2024

ESTIMATED COST: \$0

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#221 Oct 2015 A mix of Merlot and Sangiovese, the 2013 Valletta is a beautiful wine with bold intensity that needs a few minutes to emerge from the glass. This wine needs a little time to open, but once it does it offers a long succession of thick berry flavors that are enhanced by spice, leather, tobacco and balsam herb. This vintage shows evident balance and harmony with integrated acidity that keeps the palate refreshed. Successful pairing options would include succulent pork or grilled lamb chops.

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