



# CASTELLO DI VERRAZZANO

BOTTIGLIA PARTICOLARE TOSCANA IGT 2017

## BACKGROUND

Stewards of Chianti Classico, Castello di Verrazzano has played an indelible role in Tuscan winemaking and American history. Owners Luigi and Silvia Cappellini pour their passion into the estate, producing traditional, organic wines that deservedly enjoy an incredibly loyal following around the world. A founding member of the Consorzio del Chianti Classico, Verrazzano has made wine since the earliest times. The property occupies the site of former Etruscan and Roman settlements and was home to the explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano, who was the first to discover America's east coast, landing at the bay of New York in the early 16th century.

## APPELLATION

Toscana IGT, Italy

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

50% Sangiovese, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon

## TERRIOR AND VINTAGE NOTES

Since acquiring the estate, the Cappellini family has replanted Verrazzano's vineyards, which fan out from the forest limits down to the valley below. They farm organically and have been certified since the 2014 vintage. Located on a hilltop in the Greve, the heart of Chianti Classico, Verrazzano's 230 acre estate includes 128 acres of vineyards at altitudes between 920 and 1300 feet above sea level, higher than average Chianti Classico vineyards.

Though present in southern parts of the Classico area, limestone is unique to Verrazzano which is in the cooler, northern part of the zone. This singular combination of limestone soil and cooler growing conditions accounts for the wine's muscularity and finesse. The true lifeblood of the vineyards comes from the surrounding Verrazzano-owned woodland area, which acts as a cocoon for the vines; offering pollution protection and maintaining freshness. In addition, the entire winery is heated by wood from these forests.

## WINEMAKING

Estate grapes are hand harvested and fermented in small batches at a controlled temperature. The maceration period is 20 days with delicate, frequent pumping over. Aged in barrique (75% Allier – 25% Vosges) for minimum of 18 months, followed by large barrel aging for a minimum of six months. The wine further refines in bottle 6 months before release.

## TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red in color. This wine opens with a pronounced nose of small red fruits, black wood fruits, such as blackberries, and vanilla and oak. Elegant, rich and silky with soft tannins and background notes of vanilla and chocolate.



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June 2023  
POINTS

90 PTS JAMES SUCKLING 9/23



## WINEMAKER

Luigi Cappellini  
Silvia Cappellini

## TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol  
14.5%

