



CASTELLO DI VOLPAIA

2017 COLTASSALA CHIANTI CLASSICO GRAN SELEZIONE DOCG



COMPOSITION 95% Sangiovese, 5% Mammolo

VINEYARD Coltassala

CULTIVATION Certified organic

SIZE 3.53 hectares (8.72 acres)

VINE AGE Ongoing plantings since 1980

SOIL Light; sandstone

ELEVATION 518 meters (1,700 feet)

EXPOSURE South

DENSITY 5,698 vines/hectare (2,306 vines/acre)

TRAINING Guyot

VINTAGE NOTES A record year for heat and drought throughout the growing season. This condition presented extremes which began early bud break in the vineyard followed by a spring frost over late April. The frost affected the lower portions of the Volpaia estate. Spring and summer months were dry with higher than average temperatures. Rainfall in mid-September helped the grapes achieve complete ripeness of tannins and other phenolic compounds despite low yields.

HARVEST DATES September 22

BARREL AGING 24 months in new French oak, and a minimum 6 months in the bottle

CASE PACK 6/750ml

ALCOHOL / TA/RS 14.0% / 6.1 g/L / 0.8 g/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.

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 Riserva Cru even though it's the same Super-Tuscan wine of 1980.



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