

# Chianti Classico DOCG

**Production area:** TUSCANY

**Alcohol content:** 12,5% Vol.

**Grapes:** SANGIOVESE  
AND REDE-GRAPE VARIETIES  
ACCORDING TO PRODUCTION PROTOCOL

## VINIFICATION

This Chianti Classico is produced from Sangiovese grapes grown in the vineyards of Chianti Classico appellation, the most ancient Chianti area. Made following traditional vinification methods: completely mature grapes are harvested from vineyards and placed in tanks for primary fermentation at controlled temperatures and prolonged maceration with the skins. Afterwards, the malolactic fermentation starts and the process is completed by tangential filtration prior to bottling.

## TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Vivacious ruby red colour.

**Bouquet:** Fruity fragrance, hints of violet, cherry and wild red berries.

**Taste:** Full-bodied, dry and traditional, it becomes harmonious after at least one year of ageing.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Ideal with roasts, grilled red meat and cheese

*Service Temperature:* 18/20°C.

## THE LEGEND OF THE BLACK ROOSTER

This legend dates back to medieval times, when the Republics of Florence and Siena bitterly fought for the political boundaries of the Chianti territory which lay between the two Republics.

Being unable to come to a deal, they arranged a contest between two knights: when the rooster sang its first song at dawn, the knights would start to gallop towards each other from the respective cities and the border would be fixed at their meeting point. Therefore, the two cities had to find a reliable rooster, ready to sing at the first light of dawn so their knight could be the first to leave and advance as much as possible. The Florentines chose a farmyard black rooster that was hungry because it had been kept without food. The Sieneese on the other hand, opted for a tame white rooster that was well fed for they were convinced that at daybreak this one would sing louder. The day of the race the black rooster, in the grip of hunger, began to sing although dawn was still a while away; he may have been deceived by the light of a candle lit specifically to allow the knight of Florence to leave well before. Indeed, the two knights met only 12 km away from the walls of Siena. So it was that almost all the territory of the Chianti region came under the control of the Florentine Republic and the Black Rooster is the symbol of Chianti Classico.

## AWARDS

**Gold Medal:** Gilbert&Gaillard 2022 - vintage 2019

**91 pts:** Luca Maroni 2021 - vintage 2017

