

## Chianti Classico

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### Sie können es noch



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Rund 250 Chianti Classico, überwiegend aus den Jahren 2014 bis 2017 haben wir für dieses BEST OF probiert. Die Auswahl vermittelt ein ziemlich gutes Bild davon, wie die Produzenten heute mit den unterschiedlichsten Jahrgängen zurecht kommen. So sind auch im schwierigen 2017er etliche sehr überzeugende Annata entstanden und selbst das Katastrophenjahr hat einige ausgesprochen erfreuliche Chianti zu bieten, mit herbem Saft, Frische und erfreulicherweise meistens eher moderatem Alkohol.

Ganz anders die Weine des hochgelobten, aber eben auch sehr warmen Jahrgangs 2015, der mit durchschnittlichen Alkoholwerten aufwartet, die im Chianti Classico früher die absolute Ausnahme waren. Für die Annata war das schon manchmal zu viel, was durchaus die Befürchtung aufkommen ließ, die Riserva und Gran Selezione könnten noch einmal dicker ausfallen. Doch bei den gute Exemplaren - und davon gibt es 2015 eine ganze Menge - ist eher das Gegenteil der Fall: sie unterscheiden sich von den Basisweinen eher durch mehr Finesse, Tiefe und Komplexität.

2016 schließlich ist ein Kandidat für den komplettesten Jahrgang, den wir im Chianti Classico je erlebt haben. Die Weine verfügen über eine Brillanz und Frische, wie wir sie so durchgängig hier vielleicht noch nie erlebt haben. Selbst bei Alkoholgraden, die uns normalerweise vor allem an der Basis schon zu viel wären bewahren sich die 16er ihre Lebhaftigkeit und ihren animierenden Biss.

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88WP "Nozzole", Nozzole  
88WP San Vincenti  
88WP "Guado Alto", Vicchiomaggio  
87WP San Fabiano Calcinaia  
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87WP Castagnoli  
87WP "RS", Badia a Coltibuono  
87WP Fonterutoli  
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87WP "Rubio", Gagliole  
87WP "Squarcialupi", La Castellina  
87WP Brolio

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91WP "Dofana", Carpineta Fontalpino  
89WP Vignavecchia  
89WP "Bandini Villa Pama", Villa Pomona  
89WP Monterinaldi  
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89WP "Premium Line", Montecchio  
89WP "Castelgreve", Castelli del Grevepesa  
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89WP Badia al Coltibuono  
89WP "Terrazze", Castagnoli  
88WP Istine  
88WP "Fontalpino", Carpineta Fontalpino  
88WP Rodano  
88WP Caparsa  
88WP Brancaia  
88WP "Terrarossa", Melini  
88WP La Sala  
88WP Le Corti  
88WP "Clemente VII", Castelli di Grevepesa  
88WP Casina di Cornia  
88WP "La Tradizione", Poggiopiano  
88WP "50° Anniversario", Castello di Meleto  
88WP Poggio al Sole  
88WP Montecalvi  
88WP Tregole  
88WP Spadaio e Piccorto  
88WP "Capotondo", Castelvecchi  
88WP Castello D'Albola

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91WP "Vignaparco", Casa Emma  
91WP Monterinaldi  
91WP "Vigna Poggiarso", Castello di Meleto  
90WP "Cortevecchia", Le Corti  
90WP La Sala  
90WP Castello di Querceto  
89WP Arceno  
89WP "Doccia a Matteo", Caparsa  
89WP "Berardenga", Felsina  
89WP Spadaio e Piccorto  
89WP "Terrazze", Castagnoli  
89WP "Ser Lapo", Fonterutoli  
89WP "Vigna Casi", Castello di Meleto  
88WP "Caparsino", Caparsa

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93WP "Villa Calcinaia", Calcinaia  
93WP "Castello Fonterutoli", Fonterutoli  
92WP "Coltassala", Castello di Volpaia  
91WP "Don Tommaso", Le Corti  
91WP "Il Picchio", Castello di Querceto  
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89WP "Vigna Cavarchione", Istine

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89WP "le fioraie", Piemaggio  
89WP Savignola Paolina  
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92WP Brancaia  
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90WP Il Molino di Grace  
90WP Castello di Gabbiano  
90WP "Levigne", Istine

90WP Le Fonti  
90WP Vignavecchia  
90WP Borgo la Stella  
90WP "Castelgreve", Castelli del Grevepesa  
89WP "La Forra", Nozzole  
89WP "Belvedere Campoli", Conte Guicciardini  
89WP "Tenuta la Gabbiola", San Michele a Torri  
89WP San Vincenti  
89WP "Corte Rinieri", Orsumella  
89WP Castello di Radda  
89WP "Lodolaio", Castelvecchi  
89WP Lilliano  
89WP I Sodi  
89WP "Borro del Diavolo", Ormanni  
89WP "Gherardino", Villa Vignamaggio  
89WP Villa Cafaggio  
88WP Nunzi Conti  
88WP "Clemente VII", Castelli di Grevepesa  
88WP "Premium Line", Montecchio  
88WP Castello Banfi  
88WP "Vigna Piuca", Castellinuzza e Piuca  
88WP "Squarcialupi", La Castellina  
88WP Badia a Coltibuono  
88WP Vastello D'Albola  
88WP Villa a Sesta  
88WP Carpineto  
88WP Bibbiano

#### 2015 GRAN SELEZIONE

93WP "Vigna Vecchia", Vecchie Terre di Montefili  
92WP Casa Emma  
92WP "Panzano", Castelli di Grevepesa  
91WP Casaloste  
91WP "Sorleone", Villa a Sesta  
91WP "Casasilia", Poggio al Sole  
90WP Carpineto  
90WP "Vigna del Capannino", Bibbiano  
90WP "Santa Caterina", Castello D'Albola  
90WP La Sala  
90WP Lilliano  
90WP "Cancello Rosso", Aiola  
90WP Borgo Scopeto  
90WP "Stielle", Rocca di Castagnoli  
90WP "Vigne di Montornello", Bibbiano  
89WP "Fonte alla Selva", Castello Banfi  
89WP "Premium Line", Montecchio  
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89WP "Monna Lisa", Villa Vignamaggio  
89WP "Vigna Montebello Sette"

89WP "Il Tabernacolo", Conte Guicciardini  
89WP "La Prima", Vicchiomaggio  
88WP "Gaudio", Carus Vini  
88WP "i salci", Borgo Salcetino  
88WP "Castello di Brolio", Brolio  
88WP "Vigna di Fontalle", Machiavelli  
88WP "Le Balze", Il Poggolino

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90WP 1997 "Vigneti La Selvanella", Melini  
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89WP 2014 Carobbio  
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89WP 2013 Quercia al Poggio  
89WP 2014 "Vigneti La Selvanella", Melini  
89WP 2014 "Basilica San Martino", Villa Cafaggio  
88WP 2014 "Ceppet", Mannucci Dorandi  
88WP 2014 Le Fonti  
88WP 2013 "Vigna la Casina", Casina di Cornia  
88WP 2008 "La Riserva", Il Poggolino

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92WP 2013 "Madonnino delle Pieve", Castelvecchi  
91WP 2013 "Lamole", Castelli di Grevepesa  
90WP 2013 "Vigna Elisa", Nunzi Conti  
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90WP 2013 "Castello di Bibbione", Castelli di Grevepesa  
89WP 2013 "Bellezza", Castello di Gabbiano  
89WP 2013 "Celle", San Fabiano Calcinaia  
89WP 2013 "Don Vincenzo", Casaloste  
89WP 2014 Castello di Radda  
89WP 2014 Casa Sola  
88WP 2013 "Il Margone", Il Molino di Grace

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Chefverkoster Marcus Hofschuster und sein Team arbeiten hauptberuflich für den Weinführer und nehmen sich für jede Weinbeurteilung ausreichend Zeit. Alle Weine werden ausschließlich im neutralen Proberaum von Wein-Plus in Erlangen verkostet. Die Verkostung erfolgt blind, so dass Wein und Erzeuger dem Verkoster bei der Bewertung nicht bekannt sind. Die Weine werden grundsätzlich in zusammenhängenden Serien gemeinsam mit ähnlichen Weinen probiert, um einen sinnvollen sensorischen Rahmen zu gewährleisten.

Marcus Hofschuster genießt ein herausragendes Renommee als gewissenhafter und unbestechlicher Experte. Sein Team besteht ebenfalls aus erfahrenen Verkostern mit fundierter weinfachlicher Ausbildung. Das Verkostungssystem ist voll EDV-gestützt und abgesichert gegen Verwechslungen und Eingabefehler. Die Bewertungen werden regelmäßig durch Gegenproben überprüft, die ebenfalls blind erfolgen.

Die Weine werden nach dem internationalen 100-Punkte-Schema bewertet. Dabei werden in den Weinführer nur Weine mit mindestens 80 Punkten aufgenommen. Das Bewertungssystem wird bei Wein-Plus strenger angewandt als bei anderen Weinführern heute üblich.

### Die einzelnen Punkte entsprechen folgenden Kategorien:

**80 bis 84 Punkte: gut**

**85 bis 89 Punkte: sehr gut**

**90 bis 94 Punkte: hervorragend**

**95 bis 99 Punkte: groß**

**100 Punkte: einzigartig**

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We tasted around 250 Chianti Classico wines, predominantly from the 2014 to 2017 vintages, for this edition of BEST OF. The selection described here shows a fairly accurate picture of how producers these days cope with the most varied vintages. For example, in the 2017 vintage, considered to be a particularly difficult year, a number of very convincing Annata wines were produced, and even this catastrophic vintage has brought forth quite a few very enjoyable Chianti wines, tart and juicy, fresh with mostly pleasantly moderate alcohol levels.

The story is totally different in the case of the highly praised, but also very warm 2015 vintage, these wines show average alcohol levels that in the past would have been absolutely exceptional for Chianti Classico. This was in some cases already a little too much for the Annata wines, which leads one to anticipate and fear that

the Riserva and Gran Selezione wines could turn out to be even more full-bodied and opulent. In fact, looking at the good wines – and there are many of these in the 2015 vintage – the opposite is usually the case: they can be distinguished from the entry-level wines by their greater finesse, depth and complexity.

The 2016 vintage, finally, is a candidate for the most complete vintage we have ever experienced in the Chianti Classico region. The wines show a freshness and brilliance we have never before seen to such an extent across the board. Even at relatively high levels of alcohol, which we would normally describe as being too high for the entry-level wines, the 2016 wines retain their vibrant, lively style and their refreshing acid bite.

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## Professional, independent and competent

Wein-Plus is the leading independent Internet platform on the topic of wine in Europe. Each day, more than 6,000 people use the network for information and communication, which has around 187,000 registered private and professional wine enthusiasts. The Wein-Plus wine guide, which lists tasting notes and scores for more than 120,000 wines, is the most comprehensive guide of its kind. It is brought up to date virtually on a daily basis, and is founded on strict tasting guidelines.

Head taster Marcus Hofschuster and his team work full-time for the wine guide, and ensure they take sufficient time for each and every wine rating and description. All the wines are tasted without exception in the neutral surroundings of the tasting room at the Wein-Plus head office in Erlangen, Germany. Tasting is always done blind, so that the tasters do not know during the tasting which wine or which producer they are rating. Wines are always tasted in logical series together with other similar wines, in order to ensure a meaningful sensory framework for the descriptions and ratings.

Marcus Hofschuster enjoys an outstanding reputation as a conscientious and incorruptible expert. His team consists of tasters who are likewise experienced, and have professional training in wine. The tasting system is fully supported by a computer system, with protection built in against errors of entry and mix-ups. Ratings are constantly monitored by inserting counter-bottles, which are also tasted blind.

Wines are scored in accordance with the international 100 point system. Only wines that score a minimum of 80 points are included in the wine guide. At Wein-Plus, the scoring system is applied more strictly than is usual in the case of other wine guides.

### Specifically, the points scores correspond with the following categories:

**80 to 84 Points: good**

**85 to 89 Points: very good**

**90 to 94 Points: outstanding**

**95 to 99 Points: great**

**100 Points: unique**

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