

Castello di Fonterutoli

Wine Region: Tuscany, Italy Date Established: 1435 Winemaker: Carlo Ferrini



The Mazzei family's Castello di Fonterutoli estate is the source of some of Italy's most prestigious wines. An historic property embracing a centuries-old hamlet just south of Castellina in Chianti, in the heart of Chianti Classico, it has been in the hands of the Mazzei family since 1435. Today the estate is led by Lapo Mazzei and his sons, Francesco and Filippo, representing the 24th generation of winemakers. This dynamic family has carefully safeguarded the inherent beauty and the rich heritage of Fonterutoli, while simultaneously implementing measures to ensure cutting-edge quality in the vineyards and cellars. An exciting example of this dedication to quality is the now complete construction of a stunning new cellar that operates via gravity and clean energy, and has already been defined as "the most impressive in the entire Chianti region" by Steven Spurrier of Decanter magazine.

The spectacular Fonterutoli hamlet – which includes a cluster of houses, the church of San Miniato and the family villa – today comprises 1,165 acres, of which 195 are devoted to four distinct vineyard sites: Fonterutoli, Siepi, Badiola and Belvedere. The Sangiovese grape finds itself particularly at home in these four areas, which are planted at altitudes varying between 750 and 1,640 feet above sea level, at south and southwest exposure. The rocky limestone and the sandstone soil structure, high density planting (7,000 vines per hectare) and low yields of less than 40 hectoliters per hectare result in the production of complex, elegant and powerful Sangiovese wines.



- The property, located between Florence and Siena, (1600 acres) dates back to Roman times and was called "Fons Rutolae" or "Fons Rutilant" meaning clean spring, by the Etruscans
- Since 1435 the Mazzei family has been involved with winemaking in Tuscany as well as Italian politics
 - World famous consulting oenologist, Carlo Ferrini, uses the most advanced technology to craft their wines. Mr. Ferrini began his career at Fonterutoli and today maintains a close relationship with the Mazzei family
 - One of the most awarded Italian wine brands
- One of seven wineries involved in TUSCANY 2000 for future clonal selections

- PHILIP 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Dedicated to American Patriot Philip Mazzei. **91 Points** – *Wine Spectator*, August 31, 2014.
- SER LAPO 90% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot – A wine to celebrate the Mazzei's notable ancestor Ser Lapo, author of the first official document mentioning Chianti wine. **91 Points** – *Wine Spectator*, April 30, 2014.
- BADIOLA 70% Sangiovese, 30% Merlot.* A baby Super-Tuscan. **92 Points**, "100 Outstanding Values" – *Wine Spectator*, January 2013.
- CASTELLO DI FONTERUTOLI GRAN SELEZIONE CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG 90% Sangiovese, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.* A current Gambero Rosso Tre Bicchieri winner. **91 Points** – *Wine Spectator*, January 29, 2014.
- FONTERUTOLI CHIANTI CLASSICO 90% Sangiovese, 5% Malvasia Nera & Colorino, and 5% Merlot.* **91 Points** – *Wine Spectator*, April 30, 2014.
- MIX 36 A unique creation of 36 different Sangiovese clones. **91 Points** – *Wine Spectator*, 2013.
- SIEPI 50% Merlot, 50% Sangiovese.*: The iconic Super Tuscan and flagship of the Mazzei winery. **93 Points** – *Wine Spectator*, January 29, 2014.

*Note: Blends may vary slightly from vintage to vintage.

