

Castello di Ama

Vigneto Bellavista 2019 represents the pinnacle of Castello di Ama's artistry, offering an exceptional blend of Sangiovese and Malvasia Nera that epitomizes the elegance and complexity of Chianti Classico Gran Selezione.

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Vigneto Bellavista Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2020

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The **Bellavista vineyard** lies within the Castello di Ama estate in **Gaiole in Chianti**, Tuscany. Spanning **22.82 hectares (56.39 acres)**, the vineyard has been meticulously managed to enhance the quality of its fruit. Terraced plots ensure optimal exposure and uniform ripening, with a focus on **parcels 1 to 19 (Malvasia Nera)** and **parcels 21 and 22 (Sangiovese)**.

At an altitude of **460 to 525 meters (1,510 to 1,720 feet)**, the vineyard benefits from **north-east to south-west exposures** and clay-limestone soils, ideal for cultivating both Sangiovese and Malvasia Nera. The vines are sustainably farmed, with Castello di Ama certified by **Equalitas Italy** for its environmental stewardship. The 2019 growing season began with a cold winter and significant diurnal shifts, followed by a wet spring and a warm, dry summer, resulting in a vintage of outstanding balance and concentration.

Winemaking

The **Bellavista 2019** is an 80% Sangiovese and 20% Malvasia Nera blend, carefully crafted to express the unique terroir of the vineyard. Hand-harvested between **September 5 and October 10**, each variety was fermented separately in **temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks** using indigenous yeasts.

Sangiovese underwent a **22-day maceration**, while Malvasia Nera fermented for **26 days**. The wines were then transferred to **French oak barriques** for malolactic fermentation, followed by **14 months of aging**, with 40% of the barrels being new and the remainder one year old. This meticulous approach enhances the wine's complexity and aging potential without overpowering its vibrant fruit.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 80% Sangiovese, 20% Malvasia

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby red with garnet highlights.
- **Aroma**: A complex bouquet of **dark berries**, **pomegranate**, and hints of **tobacco**, enhanced by subtle floral and mineral notes.
- **Palate**: Rich and juicy, with a **silky texture** and layers of dark fruit, licorice, and fine minerality. The tannins are firm yet refined, leading to a long and elegant finish.

Did You Know?

The **Bellavista vineyard** is only used for this wine in the finest vintages, with annual production limited to **5,000 to 6,000 bottles**. The terraced layout, combined with precise vineyard management, ensures consistently exceptional quality.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Bistecca alla Fiorentina**: The wine's robust structure complements the richness of this Tuscan classic.
- **Pappardelle with wild boar ragu**: Its dark fruit and earthy notes balance the gamey flavors.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto**: The wine's minerality and complexity enhance the umami richness of the mushrooms.
- **Aged Pecorino Toscano**: A perfect match, with the wine's tannins balancing the cheese's nutty and salty profile.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2019)

The glorious Bellavista Vineyard appears under the sunlight over the slope of a hill as you approach Castello di Ama. The 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Vigneto Bellavista is only produced in the very best vintages, and annual production hovers from 5,000 to 6,000 bottles. Production was skipped in 2017, 2014, 2012 and 2010. This stunning wine reveals beautiful concentration with just the right amount of fruit weight, which feels rich but not heavy. The wine also appears compact and firm, with outstanding depth that is teased across aromas of wild berry fruit, crushed mineral, rose, tobacco and minty herb. The wine's complexity unfolds carefully with time in the glass.

98 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 98 Points (2019)

The 2019 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Vigneto Bellavista soars out of the glass with breathtaking intensity in all of its dimensions. The aromatics alone are striking, but that's just the beginning. Rich and sumptuous on the palate, the 2019 is the most refined Bellavista I have ever tasted, and I have tasted them all. A healthy dollop of Malvasia Nera adds savory notes and a good deal of grip, while clean mineral nuances extend the finish. The tannins are especially polished, which they rarely are in a young Bellavista. 2027 – 2044

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Wine Spectator (WS) : 97 Points (2019)

Dark and brooding, this red evokes violet, black currant and black cherry flavors accented by wild herbs, iron, sanguine and spice notes. Underlined by a steely structure and vibrant acidity, this shows fine balance and harmony, yet will require more time to ultimately attain its sweet spot. Sangiovese and Malvasia Nera. Best from 2026 through 2047. Best from 2026 – 2047

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