



Fontodi

Fontodi's iconic cuvée delivers a masterclass in terroir expression, crafted from the best parcels of organically farmed vines in the famed Conca d'Oro of Panzano.



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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Sangiovese

Flaccianello della Pieve 2018

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Flaccianello della Pieve hails from **Panzano in Chianti**, nestled in the prestigious Chianti Classico DOCG zone of Tuscany. This area, particularly the **Conca d'Oro**—a south-facing, amphitheatre-shaped valley—is celebrated for its superior terroir. The shape of this natural bowl maximizes sunlight exposure and air circulation, enabling optimal ripening conditions and protecting the vines from excess humidity.

Fontodi's 90 hectares of vineyards, farmed **organically** and increasingly following **biodynamic principles**, sit at approximately 480 metres above sea level. The soils are **galestro**, a rocky schistous clay ideal for Sangiovese, allowing for excellent drainage and encouraging deep root penetration. These conditions yield berries with high aromatic purity, structural integrity, and refreshing acidity—critical to the wine's longevity and elegance.

Winemaking

Flaccianello is a **100% Sangiovese** wine, crafted exclusively from the best-performing plots within the estate's holdings. The 2018 vintage benefited from an extended growing season due to a cool spring and a relatively mild summer, followed by a sunny September and October that allowed for optimal phenolic ripeness.

Harvested grapes undergo careful **sorting** and a two-week **fermentation and maceration** in stainless steel, with cap punching twice daily to enhance extraction. The wine is then aged for **18 months in 80% new French oak barriques**, adding depth and texture. A final maturation phase of **6 months in large oak casks** prior to bottling ensures balance and integration. The result is a polished and age-worthy Sangiovese of remarkable purity and complexity.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby red with vibrant garnet reflections.
- **Aroma:** Ripe red cherries and blackcurrants interwoven with floral nuances of violet and rose petal, followed by hints of leather, forest floor, and sweet spices.
- **Palate:** Medium to full-bodied, with refined tannins and vibrant acidity supporting a core of luscious red fruit, tobacco, graphite, and savoury herbs. The long, mineral-tinged finish speaks to the galestro soils and altitude.



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Did you know?

Flaccianello was first released in 1981 and was among the earliest "Super Tuscans" made entirely from **Sangiovese**, a bold move at a time when blending with international varieties was the norm for prestige cuvées. Its name refers to a small chapel (pieve) located on the Fontodi estate.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Tagliata di Manzo**: The wine's acidity and structure perfectly cut through the richness of grilled Tuscan-style steak with rosemary and sea salt.
- **Wild Boar Ragu with Pappardelle**: A classic regional match, echoing the wine's earthy undertones and firm tannins.
- **Aged Pecorino Toscano**: The savoury, nutty profile of this cheese balances beautifully with Flaccianello's fruit and oak nuances.
- **Porcini Mushroom Risotto**: The wine's herbal and forest-floor character finds a delicious counterpart in the earthy depth of porcini mushrooms.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : **100 Points** (2018)

The 2018 Flaccianello della Pieve is another stellar wine from Fontodi. It is the richest Flaccianello ever made (in terms of dry extract), with elevated acidity that trails the 2016 by just a touch, but it does not taste like that at all. Dark cherry, violet, lavender, spice, mocha and graphite build with a bit of time in the glass. Like the Sorbo, the 2018 Flaccianello is not a wine of size, as in most previous years, but rather a wine that exudes vibrancy, energy and class from start to finish. I absolutely loved it. (AG)



Robert Parker (RP) : **98 Points** (2018)

Generally speaking, I have reservations concerning the 2018 vintage that saw intermittent periods of hot and cold with some rain thrown in at the end of the growing cycle. The 2018 Flaccianello della Pieve blasted straight through any lingering doubt and is the result of a deft winemaking hand. This is a phenomenal and proudly confident vintage of the estate's top Sangiovese, which represents a blend of organic fruit from the best parcels. The wine's personality reveals brooding darkness and austerity, and these impressions are reinforced by savory tones of cigar smoke and earthy leather. The core of the wine is tight and richly concentrated with generous blackberry and plum. The velvety tannins are integrated but still youthful and grippy. You'll definitely need to give this elegant wine more time in the bottle. Production is an ample 60,000 bottles. (ML)



Wine Spectator (WS) : **96 Points** (2018)

*Ripe black cherry, black currant and blackberry fruit is beautifully displayed on the harmonious structure in this red. Violet, iron and juniper notes add depth, while the aftertaste gets lift from the lively acidity and dusty tannins. *Collectibles* (BS)*



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