

Antinori

A pioneering Toscana IGT, Tignanello 2022 balances Sangiovese with Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, delivering a rich yet vibrant expression of Chianti Classico's limestone soils.

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Tignanello 2022

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Tignanello is produced exclusively from the **77-hectare Tignanello vineyard** on the Tenuta Tignanello estate, in the heart of Chianti Classico. Situated at **350-400 meters above sea level** with **southwest exposure**, the vineyard enjoys warm days and cool nights, ensuring long ripening and optimal phenolic maturity. Soils are **limestone-rich with marl and schist**, providing excellent drainage and imparting minerality and structure to the wines.

Historically groundbreaking, Tignanello was the first modern red from Chianti Classico to be aged in small oak barrels, the first to incorporate Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, and among the first to eliminate white grapes from the blend. Its debut in 1970 marked a revolution in Tuscan winemaking, helping define the **Super Tuscan** category.

Winemaking

The 2022 vintage is crafted mainly from **Sangiovese with small percentages of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc**. Grapes were carefully hand-harvested, destemmed, and sorted before fermentation in **truncated conical tanks**. Maceration on skins emphasized aromatic purity, color extraction, and supple tannins.

After racking, the wine underwent **malolactic fermentation in French oak barriques** , enhancing roundness and aromatic finesse. Aging took place for **13 months in predominantly new French and Hungarian oak barrels**, with each lot vinified separately before blending and returning to barrel. Finally, Tignanello 2022 was aged an additional **12 months in bottle** before release, ensuring balance and integration.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Intense ruby red with purple highlights.
- **Aroma:** Red and black cherries, pomegranate, violets, and balsamic hints; lifted by notes of vanilla and cotton candy.
- **Palate:** Supple yet powerful, with savory tannins and dense fruit balanced by freshness; finishes long and echoing the wine's floral, fruity, and balsamic notes.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 85% Sangiovese, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

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Did you know?

Tignanello has only been produced in **favorable vintages** and was not made in years such as 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1984, 1992, and 2002. Since 1982, the blend has remained consistent—predominantly Sangiovese with Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc—cementing its role as one of Tuscany's most iconic and influential wines.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Bistecca alla Fiorentina:** powerful tannins and ripe fruit complement the richness of Tuscan steak.
- **Wild boar ragù with pappardelle:** gamey depth harmonizes with the wine's intensity and balsamic lift.
- **Roast lamb with rosemary and garlic:** savory herbs echo the wine's aromatic freshness.
- **Aged Pecorino Toscano:** umami and nuttiness balance the wine's richness and length.



Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2022)

Rich and fruit-forward, the Marchesi Antinori 2022 Tignanello very much respects the vintage that tends to deliver more concentration and volume overall. It delivers extra fruit weight with a velvety, satiny feel over a generous mouthfeel. Tignanello offers blackcurrant and cherry, but there is a mineral note that keeps things focused. This is a beautiful expression of the vintage, with excellent work done to execute soft tannins, texture and length.



James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2022)

There's extraordinary energy in this wine. It displays a dark nose of black cherries, bramble fruit, violets, forest, licorice, bark, carob and leather. Density and tension dominate the full-bodied palate, with firm, velvety tannins. It's slightly austere in the finish at the moment, yet it's crunchy and full of potential.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 95 Points (2022)

The 2022 Tignanello is such an elegant, poised wine. Brisk acids cut through a core of red Sangiovese fruit. Crushed flowers, mint, cinnamon, rose petal and a kiss of French oak appear later, adding notable brightness. The 2022 is a decidedly mid-weight Tignanello, but all the elements are very nicely balanced throughout. Tignanello saw rain episodes at the end of the season, like most properties, but steep, well-draining hillsides were a clear advantage. The blend is 78% Sangiovese, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Cabernet Franc, essentially the classic proportions here.

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